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Ex-Jay tweets rape accuser's info

This latest incident isn't the first time Jose Canseco has posted a woman's phone number online and urged his followers to contact her. In 2011, he posted the number of ex-girlfriend Leila Shennib, seen here with Canseco in a Twitter photo during happier times. Shennib got a restraining order against him. CONTRIBUTED

Jose Canseco. Las Vegas police confirm the former slugger has been named as the suspect in a sexual-assault investigation

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Ex-Toronto Blue Jay Jose Canseco is under investigation for rape — and offering to tell his story and do a polygraph test for a price.

Canseco tweeted about the rape investigation on Wednesday, including naming the complainant and tweeting her photo, phone number and place of work.

Metro does not name victims or alleged victims of sexual assault, unless they decide to come forward.

"(The complainant) told the police that i drugged her and then raped her. hmmmmm.lets find out what really happened," he tweeted at 1:28 p.m.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department issued a statement confirming Canseco has been named as the suspect in a sexual-assault investigation.

"At this time no charges have been filed and our investigation remains ongoing. Per department policy neither victim information or investigation details are available for release," it said.

When asked if Canseco would do an interview with Metro about the allegation, his agent, Jose Melendez, responded via email: "Jose is getting lots of offers right now. He has not talked to anybody right now. He is willing to do a polygraph and an exclusive. Do u have a budget?"

Metro does not pay for interviews.

However, Canseco continued to tweet. "Truth or dare. I dare u to take a polygragh on national tv.i will take one," he tweeted at 5:44 p.m.

Some of his tweets were labelled victim-shaming by observers online, including this tweet, posted at 5:33 p.m., which was later deleted: "Wow thats funny i raped u then y did u have ur clothing off as soon as we left the club in my car."

Wanted to be mayor

Jose Canseco is a prolific and controversial tweeter.

- When Mayor Rob Ford was in danger of losing his seat over a conflict-of-interest case, Canseco began planning a run for the mayoralty, only to find out he would be barred from running because he is not a Canadian citizen.
- "Ford too much trouble to be effective," he tweeted at the time. "Gotta fix budget, traffic, get new $ not from taxes, get more new businesses, and help schools."

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Gaming. Casino may have more appeal outside Toronto

Maurizio Bevilacqua
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto councillors may have rejected a downtown casino, but some nearby municipalities are betting that a gambling centre could pay off.

Ajax, just east of Toronto, has 800 slot machines in what it has called one of the "most successful gaming establishments in the province." The slots, opened in 2006, have returned revenues of more than $38 million to the town. Ajax passed a motion last year saying it is open to expanding the site to include gaming.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation has said a zone that includes Pickering, Ajax and Whitby could host a gambling resort.

Support in another zone identified by OLG — encompassing Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan — is less robust. To date, none has expressed official approval.

But that could change. Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua says city council will discuss a staff report next Tuesday suggesting that the city consider becoming a "willing host."

The report says a casino could be placed in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the city's commercial downtown development near Highway 400 and Highway 7.

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Ford dismissed as Don Bosco coach

Toronto's Catholic school board has barred Mayor Rob Ford from coaching football at any Catholic school in the city, ending a decade-long affiliation with Don Bosco.

The decision does not appear to be related to the crack-cocaine scandal Ford is facing — which centres on a video in which Ford appears to smoke crack cocaine and refer to Don Bosco players as "just f—g minorities."

Director of education Bruce Rodrigues said he had been reviewing Ford's role at Don Bosco since March, and spokesperson John Yan said the dismissal was finalized before the scandal erupted last week.

"He can coach wherever he wants, but not at a TCDSB school," Yan said Wednesday.

The review was prompted by an interview with Sun News in which Ford made comments that were called inaccurate by Don Bosco's parent council, many teachers at the Etobicoke school and even the offensive co-ordinator on Ford's coaching staff. Among other statements, Ford said that Eagles players would not attend school if not for the football program, that many players "come from gangs" and from "broken homes," and that Don Bosco is a "tough school" in a "tough area."

Rob Ford waits in his SUV across the street from the funeral of journalist Peter Worthington on Wednesday.
RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rodrigues said the decision "was based on what is best for our students, our school and the Don Bosco community."

Ford has been ousted twice from a volunteer coaching position. He moved to Don Bosco after he was told he was unwelcome at the Toronto District School Board's Newtonbrook Secondary in North York after a heated 2001 confrontation with a player.

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Police can't ID dead woman whose purse was taken

Subway tragedy. 'Heinous' act is 'one that troubles society,' officer says

Toronto police and citizens alike reacted with shock and disgust on Wednesday after a woman died by jumping on the subway tracks and then appeared to have her purse stolen — making identification of the victim impossible.

"What a despicable act," Toronto police Det. Sgt. Rudy Pasini wrote on Twitter, one of a long string of dismayed reactions aired on social media.

The incident happened at College station just after 8 a.m., at the peak of rush hour.

The woman jumped, leaving her purse behind on the platform. In the mass confusion, another woman walked over, took the purse and left, video surveillance shows.

Meanwhile, investigators were unable to figure out the deceased woman's name: Any identification was ostensibly in her stolen purse.

Later Wednesday, police released security-camera stills of the woman seen taking the purse. She is described as white, about 40, five-foot-four, with a medium build and brown hair. She wore a blue floral dress with a white bracelet on her left wrist.

Const. Victor Kwong called the alleged crime "heinous," adding that police hoped the woman meant to return the purse.

"We'll keep an open mind for that, but as we stand right now, considering how much time has gone on, considering that it has not been turned in to any authority. … This is a criminal investigation," Kwong said. "It's one that troubles society."

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Mayor's bro backs him up

Filling the silence.
Good track record, no crack record: Coun. Ford

As beleaguered Mayor Rob Ford maintained his silence Wednesday over a crack cocaine crisis that shows no signs of waning, his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, blasted the media in an unusual speech at city hall.

Doug Ford mostly recited what he said were the mayor's accomplishments. Repeatedly interrupted by reporters who sought answers to questions about the scandal, he fled without answering any of them — in such haste that he left behind a page of his text.

The Toronto Star and U.S. website Gawker reported last Thursday about a video in which it appears Rob Ford smokes crack and utters an anti-gay slur. Ford has refused to address the reports in detail, though he did call them "ridiculous."

Allies have demanded the mayor explain himself. But Doug Ford began his speech by suggesting he's said enough.

"He has already addressed these allegations three times on Friday. I don't know how much more he can say," Doug Ford said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Doug Ford's speech was lambasted by crisis communications expert Robin Sears, who told CP24 that it was one of the worst damage-control efforts he's seen in 40 years.

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Matisse meets Halloween

Renowned Toronto body painter Natasha Kudashkina, seen here in a "self-portrait," is hosting an art event titled Dots on Friday at Cabal, 782 King St. W. Along with live body painting by the artist, there will also be a collection of her 3D paintings (glasses supplied), as well as special guests. Admission is free and the event begins at 8 p.m. For more info go to natashadesign.com. CONTRIBUTED

Decades later. Siblings sue Children's Aid after being sent to Colombia

Marinela Piedrahita is still haunted by the memory of seeing her mother pushed by her drunken father down the stairs of their Toronto home in 1981.

But nothing haunts her more, she says, than what happened next to her and her then-17-month-old brother, Felipe.

With her mother in hospital and father out of their lives, Piedrahita, then four, remembers being taken to a Chilean woman's house, where she and Felipe stayed for about a month before being taken by "strangers" to relatives in Colombia.

A quarter of a century later, Piedrahita managed to return to Canada and is now suing the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto for negligence and for causing them hardship living in conflict and warfare in their parents' homeland. The agency denies the allegations.

"It was a big mistake to send us to Colombia, to suffer and live by ourselves. We were moved from one relative to another. No one really took care of us," Piedrahita, now 35 and a mother of two, said in broken English.

Quoted

"Now I am a stranger to the country I was born."
Marinela Piedrahita

Felipe will likely never join his sister to return to Canada. He was born in Colombia during their mother's visit there and was removed from Canada at the same time he was waiting for his permanent resident paper, which has since expired.

According to their statement of claim, CCAS signed a temporary care agreement on Oct. 1, 1981 with Piedrahita's mother, who had checked herself into a mental-health centre for substance abuse.

The agreement was for three months only. However, on Nov. 12, 1981, the claim says their mother terminated the agreement at the advice of a CCAS worker and signed some documents that she only found out later had authorized the agency to send her kids to their grandparents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Classic! Rock producer honoured at RCM

Legendary Canadian music producer Bob Ezrin is flanked by Stjepan Hauser, left and Luca Sulic, of 2Cellos, at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto on Wednesday, where he will be honoured with an award. His work can be found in recordings from artists like Kiss, Pink Floyd, Alice Cooper, Peter Gabriel, Rod Stewart and now Sulic and Hauser of 2Cellos. Ezrin was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in April 2004.

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Finding the transit tax 'sweet spot'

Funding. Lower-income citizens have a lot to lose with new taxes — but even more to gain, think-tank study argues

Best way to spend money?

"We're heading toward a world where we have brand-spanking new LRT systems and buses that are falling apart."

Hugh Mackenzie, author of a transit report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

The latest group to weigh in on Toronto's transit funding debate says it has found the "sweet spot" on new congestion-fighting taxes — a formula that would raise the money Metrolinx says the region needs to expand transit. But one that also accounts for its most economically vulnerable residents.

Low- and mid-income residents have the most to lose if the province introduces new taxes to feed the region's cash-starved transit system, says a report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a non-profit, social justice research body.

But, because they're also the biggest consumers of public transit, those residents stand to benefit disproportionately from improved service, says the report's author, economist Hugh Mackenzie.

"As long as the tax that you're using bears some relationship to ability to pay, even if it's slightly regressive, you're going to end up with that positive net bargain. But you only get to that point if you look at the revenue and expenditure as part of a package," he said.

Mackenzie's report recommends the province consider raising more than the $2 billion annually Metrolinx is prescribing.

An additional $500 million could be applied province-wide to help pay transit operating expenses, he said.

The report, titled Toronto's $2.5 Billion Question, suggests there's room to raise those funds through corporate taxes. Ontario's corporate income tax rate has dropped to 11.5 per cent from 14 per cent in 2010.

He suggested that about $1 billion in transit funding is likely to come from a one per cent sales tax — one of the most lucrative of the 11 taxes Metrolinx is considering. A gas tax could contribute upwards of $500 million, given that Ontario's fuel tax rate has not increased since 1993, he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stand back from shredders: Tories to senior Liberals

Gas-plants scandal.
Province, opposition have dissenting opinions from official report

Premier Kathleen Wynne and other Liberals are being warned by the Tories to "sharpen their memories" and stay away from shredders when they testify for a second time before a legislative committee probing the gas-plants scandal.

These harsh words are contained in a dissent by the Progressive Conservatives attached to an interim report from the justice committee reviewing the Liberal government's decision to scrap gas plants in Mississauga and Oakville at a cost to taxpayers of at least $585 million.

Both the Liberals and Tories submitted dissenting opinions after they could not agree on the 80-page report's contents.

The Tories said in their dissent that they will insist Wynne, former premier Dalton McGuinty, former energy ministers Brad Duguid and Chris Bentley and others be recalled, suggesting their initial testimony was less than truthful.

"It is strongly advised that these witnesses sharpen their memories, get their facts straights and not destroy any documents" or risk being held in contempt of Parliament, the Tory members of the committee stated in the report that was made public Wednesday.

The Liberals' dissent is mainly a compilation of quotes from witnesses that support the minority government's position that it was right to scrap the plants and relocate them despite skyrocketing costs.

"This dissenting report arises because both opposition parties shut down the committee's discussion about the report," the Liberal committee members stated. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Tories say they will insist that Premier Kathleen Wynne and Dalton McGuinty be recalled, suggesting their initial testimony was less than truthful. TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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ER doctor loses licence for abusing unconscious women

Justin Onzuka leaves a disciplinary hearing at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A Hamilton emergency-room doctor lost his licence at a Wednesday disciplinary hearing after admitting he sexually abused unconscious patients — in one case, videotaping the incident.

"Your behaviour has sullied your own reputation and reflects poorly on the profession as a whole," a five-member panel of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario said in a written ruling on Dr. Justin Fuminori Onzuka's misconduct.

Onzuka, 39, who hasn't practised medicine since 2006, admitted to sexual abuse, boundary violations and serious professional misconduct that the college called "dishonourable and disgraceful."

He had already pleaded guilty and been convicted of two counts of sexual assault in 2010, receiving a sentence of 16 months, some of which he served in a treatment facility for sex offenders.

At the hearing he did not contest the fact that, while in medical school at McMaster University in the 1990s, he abused female patients by touching them in a sexual manner while they were under anesthesia.

Onzuka also pursued personal relationships with female patients while he was in training, asking them out during or after he had treated them.

His lawyer, Jenny Stephenson, read aloud a letter Onzuka wrote saying that he takes full responsibility for his actions, is remorseful, and hopes his victims can move on. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Disciplinary hearing

- The college panel revoked his licence, saying it was appalled at his behaviour, and ordered him to pay $32,000 to the college.
- Onzuka will be eligible to apply to the college again in five years.

String of alleged hate crimes

A member of the LGBT community in N.Y.C. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATES PRESS

Man arrested in latest N.Y.C. anti-gay attack

A suspect was arrested Wednesday in an assault in Manhattan's East Village that police say was one of several anti-gay attacks in recent days.

The news follows the killing of a gay man over the weekend. Gornell Roman was arrested on charges of assault and aggravated harassment, both as hate crimes.

Roman is accused of yelling an anti-gay remark and attacking a drinking companion on Monday. Roman and the victim, Dan Contarino, lived at a nearby homeless shelter.

On Saturday, Mark Carson was killed in Greenwich Village. Police say a man charged with murder as a hate crime shot Carson just blocks from the Stonewall Inn, where riots sparked a gay-rights movement in 1969. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. lawmakers

Legislators address military sex assault

Angry over the growing epidemic of sexual assaults in the military, a U.S. House panel tackled the problem by passing legislation Wednesday that would strip commanding officers of their authority to change or dismiss court-martial convictions in rape and assault cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Irishman's arrest by Brits called an act of 'bad faith'

Renewed tensions in peace process. Man charged with 1982 IRA bombing in London's Hyde Park that killed 4

British prosecutors have charged a 61-year-old Irishman with the 1982 IRA attack on the queen's cavalry in Hyde Park, a nail-bombing at a top London tourist attraction that left four soldiers and seven horses dead.

Wednesday's surprise arraignment of John Downey in a London court came on the 15th anniversary of the ratification of the Good Friday peace accord for Northern Ireland, which sought to end three decades of bloodshed over the disputed British territory.

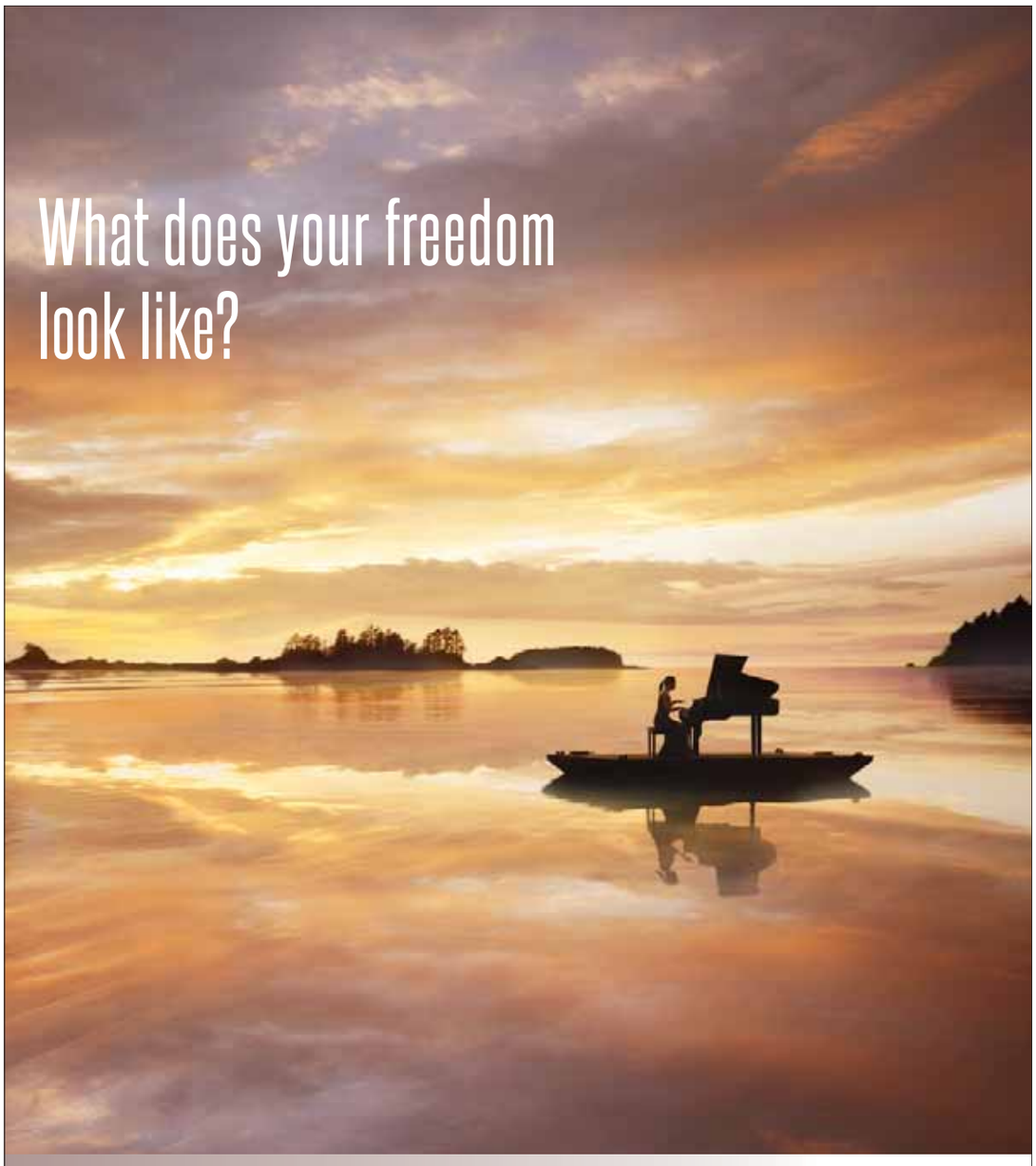
British authorities declined to explain why they arrested Downey as he arrived Sunday at London's Gatwick Airport nearly 31 years after the attack.

Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein demanded Downey's immediate release. The party accused Britain of violating an agreement not to pursue Downey, who had been on a list of IRA suspects "on the run" from British investigators.

Sinn Fein official Gerry Kelly called Downey's arrest "vindictive, unnecessary and unhelpful" and an act of "bad faith" by the British government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good Friday pact

- If convicted, Downey could get parole within two years under terms of the Good Friday pact, which paved the way for hundreds of Provisional IRA members to walk free from prison from 1998 to 2000.



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Heavy metal song blasts heavy-handed state

Artist Ai Weiwei speaks to journalists at his studio in Beijing on Wednesday. Ai's music video accompanying his heavy metal single, Dumbass, depicts an insensitive, overbearing state power that tramples on individual rights. The video is meant to reconstruct his 81-day secret detention in 2011, which was part of the overall crackdown by Chinese authorities on dissent. ALEXANDER F. YUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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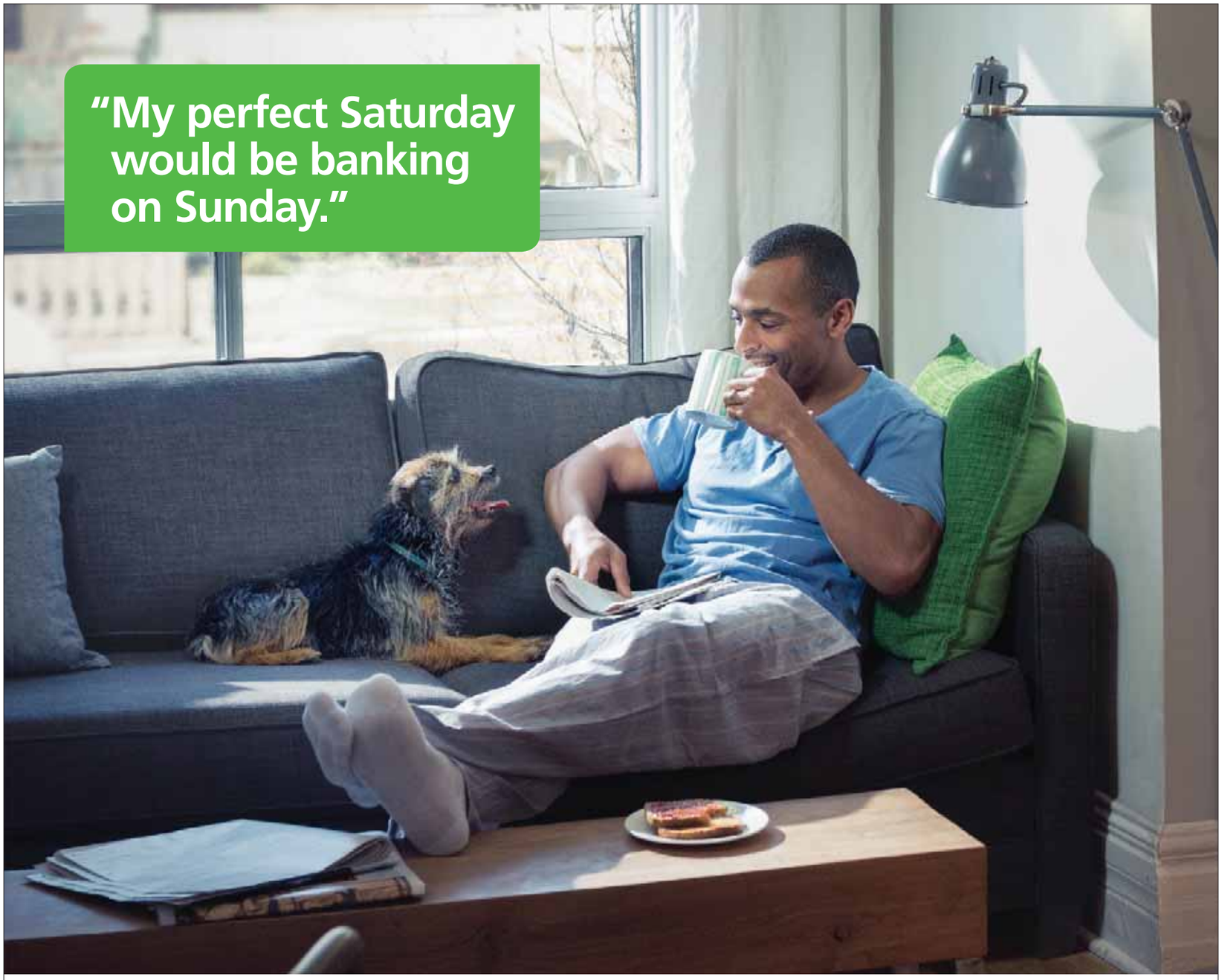

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Hundreds gather to attend memorial for Tim Bosma

Senseless death.
Mourners remember slain Hamilton man as an 'average guy who loved his family and his friends'

Tim Bosma was a mischievous man with a "crazy laugh," but most of all he was just a regular guy — and it cost him his life, family and friends say.

There was standing room only in a banquet hall in Hamilton, where hundreds gathered to remember the 32-year-old father who was killed after taking two men on a test drive.

Family and friends at the memorial focused on the senselessness of Bosma's death.

"I know that there have been skeptics out there who seem unable to believe that Tim was not somehow involved in something," his wife Sharlene Bosma said. "This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."

It is difficult to accept, she said, because it means it could have happened to anyone.

"But for me, it didn't happen to just anyone," she said, fighting back tears. "It happened to my husband and the father of our child. Tim is my someone. He is my person, my other half."

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"This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."
Sharlene Bosma

Sharlene Bosma pauses during her speech as her father Louis Veenstra looks on Wednesday at a memorial in Hamilton for her husband, Tim Bosma, the Hamilton man found dead after he took two men on a test drive. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ongoing investigation

Second suspect arrested

Hamilton police say a second man has been arrested and will face a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma.

On Wednesday police arrested Mark Smich, a 25-year-old man from Oakville who police say is one of the men who went on the test drive and is to appear in court on Thursday in Hamilton where he'll face a charge of first-degree murder.

A Toronto man, Dellen Millard, is already facing charges of first-degree murder, forcible confinement and theft of a vehicle.

Police are looking for at least one other suspect — a third person they believe was following Bosma's truck in another vehicle.

Police now say that vehicle was a dark blue GMC Yukon SUV owned by Millard.

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Jailhouse interview.
Convicted killer says she 'deserves a second chance'

In a surprise jailhouse interview just hours after a jury began deliberating whether she will live or die, the woman at the centre of a murder case that captivated many Americans spoke out Tuesday about her trial, her fights with her legal team and her belief that she "deserves a second chance at freedom someday."

Arias was convicted last week of first-degree murder in the June 2008 stabbing and shooting death of her one-time lover in what prosecutors described as a cold, calculated killing carried out in a jealous rage. Arias maintains it was self-defence.

Arias provided some new information about her case and how she believed her lawyers let her down by not calling more witnesses who could have bolstered her claims that she was a victim of domestic violence at the hands of Travis Alexander.

Arias acknowledged it was unlikely she would ever be released, but believed she deserves a second chance.

"To this day, I can hardly believe I was capable of such violence. But I know that I was," Arias told jurors. "And for that, I'm going to be sorry for the rest of my life."

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Convicted killer Jodi Arias thinks about a question during an interview at the Maricopa County Estrella Jail on Tuesday in Phoenix. Arias was convicted recently of killing her former boyfriend Travis Alexander back in 2008, and faces the possibility of the death penalty. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland

Rescued women 'happy and safe'

The three women rescued after being held captive in a house in Cleveland for about a decade want everyone to know they are doing fine and appreciate offers of help.

The message was relayed in a letter released Tuesday by their attorneys.

The letter said Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight are happy and safe. A charity fund to help the women has raised more than $650,000 US from over 6,800 donors.

"These three brave women have asked us to give this message to everyone who has expressed concern and support," said the attorneys, who are representing the women for free. "Amanda, Gina and Michelle want you to know they are doing well. They are happy and safe and continue to heal, a process that requires time and privacy.

"To have complete strangers offer loving support in the form of money, goods and services, reaching out to help like a family member, is appreciated in ways that are impossible to put into words."

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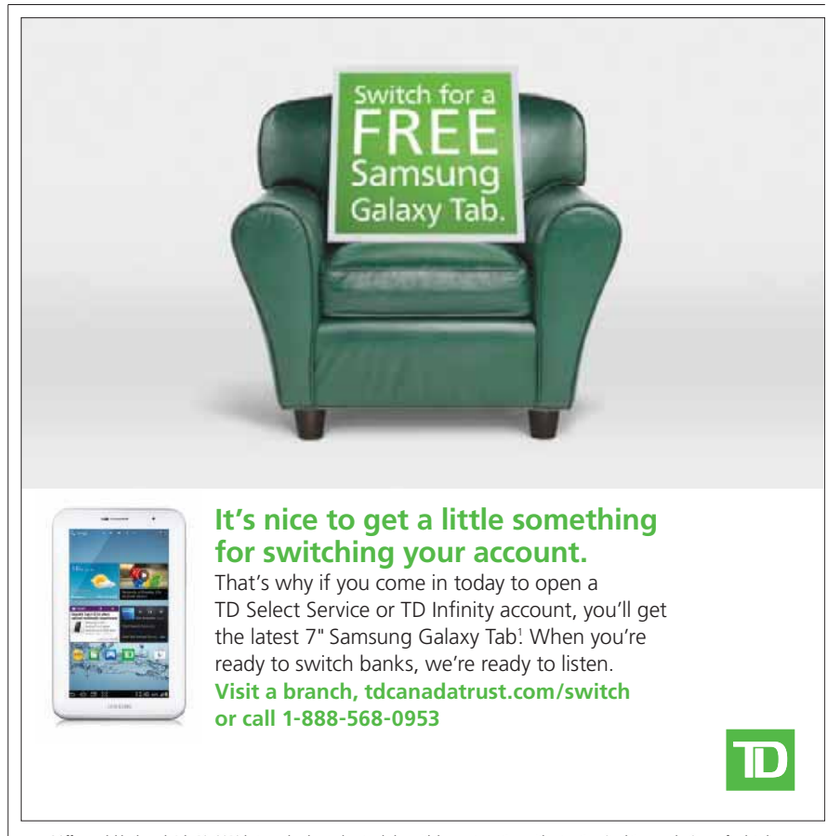

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Harper swears ignorance of $90K bailout of senator

First public comments. PM says he would have denied chief of staff's donation if consulted

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government deploys a vast early-warning communications system to warn of potential problems ahead.

But Harper insisted Wednesday that he learned about his right-hand man bailing out an embattled Conservative senator in much the same way as other Canadians did: by seeing it on the news.

"Immediately upon learning that the source was indeed my chief of staff, Nigel Wright, I immediately asked that that information be released publicly," Harper said at a news conference in Peru, the first time he's taken questions publicly on the scandal.

"Had I obviously been consulted, more importantly, I would not have agreed, and it is obviously for those reasons that I accepted Mr. Wright's resignation."

Wright quit on Sunday as details emerged about him giving Sen. Mike Duffy $90,000 to repay what he improperly expensed for housing. Duffy quit the Conservative caucus last Thursday.

Harper described himself as "sorry," "frustrated" and "extremely angry" about the whole mess, which has forced his government onto a defensive footing and threatens its carefully cultivated image as a pillar of accountability and sound financial management.

The scandal is under investigation by the federal ethics commissioner; Duffy's expenses in particular are being reviewed again by an internal Senate committee.

The payment allowed Duffy to stop co-operating with the external audit of his expenses.

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Stephen Harper said he is "extremely angry," but the mess was dealt with promptly. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senate review

Passage cut in report

The Tory-dominated, closed-door Senate committee studying Mike Duffy's improper housing expenses deleted a specific reference to his failure to co-operate with external auditors before releasing its report to the public.

Another section, describing the language that defines a primary or secondary residence as "unambiguous," was also deleted — but remained in the reports tabled on two other senators.

Duffy, meanwhile, said Wednesday he's pleased the same committee will be reviewing his expenses once again.

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Premier Wynne said the budget comes first. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Wynne will wait to date byelections

Premier Kathleen Wynne says she won't set dates for two byelections until the Ontario budget passes.

She says the minority Liberals need to get through the days of debate that the budget motion and bill require before announcing the dates.

But Wynne says she'd rather set the dates before the Aug. 15 deadline.

Coming 'soon'

"I can't pre-empt the process, but if I were a betting person — which I'm not — I'd say we'll want to announce sooner rather than later."

Premier Kathleen Wynne

The two seats in Windsor and London were vacated by former cabinet ministers Dwight Duncan and Chris Bentley in February.

The premier says it's just a coincidence that she's visiting both cities this week.

The New Democrats announced Tuesday that they'd support the budget and avoid a provincial election.

Wynne said her schedule was set before she knew what the New Democrats had decided to do. But she remained tight-lipped about when voters in the two ridings may head to the polls.

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London attack leaves man hacked to death

Two suspects hospitalized. British PM says there are 'strong indications' it was a terrorist incident

A tent is erected near the scene of an attack in London on Wednesday. A British official says a violent attack near a London barracks is being investigated as a possible terrorist act. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a brutal daylight attack which raised fears that terrorism had returned to London, two men with butcher knives hacked another man to death near military barracks Wednesday before police wounded them in a shootout.

In a shocking video broadcast on British TV, one man gestured with bloodied hands, waving a butcher knife in the air and shouting political statements against the British government as pedestrians stood near a body lying motionless on the street, which was coated in bloodstains.

British officials said the attack appeared to be an act of terrorism, possibly motivated by radical Islam.

The two suspects remained hospitalized on Wednesday but their identities and that of their victim were not known. One of them was reported to be in serious condition.

French President Francois Hollande, speaking at a press conference in Paris, said it was a British soldier who was killed. British Prime Minister David Cameron didn't immediately confirm that fact.

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Boston Marathon. Man shot to death during FBI probe into bombing

A Chechen immigrant was shot to death by authorities while being questioned in the Boston Marathon bombing case early Wednesday after he lunged at an FBI agent with a knife, officials said.

Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed-martial-arts fighter, was gunned down at his home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

The FBI gave no details on why they were interested in Todashev. But acquaintances said Todashev knew one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, from mixed martial arts.

Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar, survived and is charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

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Afghanistan

Suicide bomber kills anti-Taliban village elder, 3 others in market

A suicide bomber on foot killed an anti-Taliban village elder and at least three others in a busy marketplace Wednesday in central Afghanistan, the latest in a wave of assassinations and bombings.

Habibullah Khan was killed along with two bodyguards and a civilian bystander in the afternoon attack in Ghazni province's Moqur district, police said. At least 14 civilians were wounded, most of them shoppers and merchants.

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Notorious Weiner announces bid for New York City mayoralty

Tilting the camera up. Sexting-scandal-plagued politician begins rep rehab in YouTube video

Anthony Weiner's run for a renaissance is officially on.

The ex-congressman whose career imploded in a rash of raunchy tweets two years ago said in a YouTube video announcement late Tuesday that he joined the New York City mayoral race. He'd said last month he was considering it.

"I made some big mistakes and I know I let a lot of people down, but I also learned some tough lessons," he said in the video. "I'm running for mayor because I've been fighting for the middle class and those struggling to make it my entire life. And I hope I get a second chance."

With that, Weiner is embarking on a comeback quest, hoping to go from punch-line pol — whose tweeted crotch shot was emblazoned on the nation's consciousness — to leader of America's biggest city.

Back into the ring

"I made some big mistakes and I know I let a lot of people down, but I also learned some tough lessons." Anthony Weiner

The Democrat is jumping into a crowded field for September's primary. He's arriving with some significant advantages, including a $4.8-million campaign war chest, the possibility of more than $1 million more in public matching money, polls showing him ahead of all but one other Democrat — and no end of name recognition.

Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner appears with his wife, Huma Abedin, in a YouTube video announcing he will enter the New York mayoral race on Wednesday in New York City. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

His participation makes a runoff more likely, and many political observers feel he could at least get to the second round.

Weiner has taken a series of steps recently to rehab his image and reintroduce himself, including a lengthy magazine profile and a series of local TV interviews.

He also has released a platform of sorts, a list of ideas styled as a blueprint for helping the city's middle class thrive.

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The scandal

Anthony Weiner has continued to contend with questions about his character and the scandal that sank his career just two years ago.

- **Twitter bulge.** After a photo of a man's bulging, underwear-clad groin appeared on his Twitter account in 2011, he initially claimed his account had been hacked.
- **Confession.** After more photos emerged — including one of him bare-chested in his congressional office — the married congressman eventually owned up to exchanging racy messages with several women, saying he'd never met any of them. He soon resigned.

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Canada lifts ban on gay men donating blood

Canadian Blood Services. But new policy won't satisfy all critics with lengthy deferral period

Canada is lifting a nearly 30-year-old ban on gay men giving blood, though for the time being only those who are abstinent will be allowed to donate.

The new policy, which Canadian Blood Services hopes to have in place by mid-summer, will allow men to donate blood if they haven't had sex with another man for five years before the donation.

The agency understands the length of this deferral won't satisfy all critics. But agency executive Dana Devine said this is the first step in what Canadian Blood Services hopes will be a continued effort to work out what is the best approach to incorporating gay men into the donation community.

"So the message to them today is to simply bear with us," said Devine, vice-president of medical, scientific and research affairs at Canadian Blood Services.

"We are working toward attempting to make the opportunity for additional people to donate blood ... and we just aren't quite there yet for that group of people."

The policy change has been in the works for several years and has involved consultation with groups representing would-be donors as well as hemophiliacs who rely on blood transfusions and those who could be harmed if screening systems aren't adequate to keep pathogens out of the blood supply.

Health Canada gave approval to Canadian Blood Services and its Quebec equivalent, Hema-Quebec, on Wednesday.

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A step forward

"It is a step in the right direction regarding non-discrimination and stigmatization of gay men."

Dr. Mark Wainberg, McGill University HIV researcher

Getting a new face

A 33-year-old Polish man whose face was torn off by stone-cutting machinery gives a thumbs-up gesture on Tuesday, six days after undergoing a total face transplant in Gliwice, Poland. Doctors at the Cancer Center and Institute of Oncology in Gliwice said it was the first time a life-saving face transplant was carried out soon after a recipient suffered damage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violation of rights

Pussy Riot band member goes on hunger strike

An imprisoned member of the punk band Pussy Riot says she is going on hunger strike after a judge refused to allow her to attend a court hearing where she was seeking release on parole.

Maria Alekhina, watching the trial from prison via video link, ordered her defence not to participate in the hearing, saying the court was violating her rights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ban against gays

Boy Scouts to vote on allowing gay members

The Boy Scouts of America will convene a two-day meeting of 1,400 local leaders to consider changing its long-standing ban on allowing openly gay boys to don the Boy Scouts uniform. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Twister's damages estimated at $2B

Moore, Okla.
Six people still unaccounted for in 'Tornado Alley'

Susan Kates salvages items from a friend's tornado-ravaged home Wednesday in Moore, Okla. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The tornado that tore through an Oklahoma City suburb destroyed or damaged as many as 13,000 homes and may have caused $2 billion in damage, officials said Wednesday.

State authorities meanwhile said two infants were among the 24 people who perished in the twister.

Oklahoma Insurance Department spokeswoman Calley Herth told The Associated Press that the early damage tally is based on visual assessments of the extensive disaster zone that stretches more than 27 kilometres and the fact that Monday's tornado was on the ground for 40 minutes.

For the first time Wednesday, authorities provided a clearer accounting of the destruction in Moore, a town of about 56,000 in a central U.S. region known as "Tornado Alley." Moore was also hit by a massive tornado in 1999.

Between 12,000 and 13,000 homes were destroyed or damaged and 33,000 people were affected in some way by the storm, said Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, speaking at a news conference. He also put the monetary damage estimate at between $1.5 billion to $2 billion.

Emergency officials were unable to put a figure on the number of people left homeless, because many people have been taken in by relatives and only a few dozen have stayed overnight at Red Cross shelters.

President Barack Obama will travel to Moore on Sunday to view the damage first-hand and meet with victims and emergency personnel.

With her son holding her elbow, 83-year-old Colleen Arvin walked up her driveway Tuesday to see what was left of her home of 40 years.

Part of the roof was sitting in the front yard, and the siding from the front of her home for the past 40 years was gone. As her son and grandsons picked through what was left of her belongings, Arvin found some dark humour in the situation.

"Oh, thank God," she said when a grandson brought over her keys. "We can get in the house." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stay safe, Canada

'When thunder roars, go indoors'

Canada's most severe tornado, which touched down in Elie, Man., in June 2007, did not result in any fatalities.

Many of those who witnessed the storm took shelter in basements or other low-lying areas.

Such a move tops the list of government recommendations for tornado survival. The guidelines also encourage Canadians without access to a basement to take cover under sturdy pieces of furniture away from doors, windows or outside walls.

"When thunder roars, go indoors," said Geoff Coulson, warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal advisory

More than a million cautioned to boil water

Over one million Montrealers were affected by a boil-water advisory Wednesday after an apparent malfunction at Canada's second-biggest filtration plant.

The incident resulted in brownish water gushing from fire hydrants and an unpleasant aroma wafting, at least temporarily, over parts of the city.

The boil-water advisory applied to most of the island and even some neighbouring areas. Local officials described it as unprecedented in the recent history of the city.

"To my knowledge, it's the first time that we have in Montreal a boil-water advisory for so many people," said Valerie De Gagne, a spokesperson for the city.

It was also the second major infrastructure problem in Montreal in less than 24 hours. The previous evening, the city's subway system had suffered a complete shutdown at the height of rush hour because of computer issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stockholm riots spreading

Firemen extinguish a burning car in the Stockholm suburb of Kista after youths rioted for a third consecutive night late Tuesday.
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Groups of youth have smashed shop windows, set cars ablaze and burnt down a cultural centre as the riots that started in one Stockholm suburb after a fatal police shooting spread to other low-income areas of the Swedish capital.

Police spokesman Kjell Lindgren says seven people were briefly detained early Wednesday and one person was arrested on suspicion of arson of a cultural centre housed in a 19th century building.

Lindgren says 30 vehicles were set ablaze in six suburbs where mainly immigrants live.

Gangs of up to 60 youths also set fire to a school and a nursery and hurled rocks at police and fire fighters.

The unrest began Sunday in response to the May 13 shooting, in which police killed a 69-year-old, knife-wielding man in a northwestern suburb. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Couch potatoes are multi-taskers, really

TV just background media? Canadians watch TV while playing with laptops, tablets or cellphones, study finds

Multi-tasking on the couch has gone mainstream, according to a report by Microsoft on consumer behaviours, which estimates that half of Canadians regularly have an Internet-connected device handy while watching TV.

"Television used to be front and centre, prime-time — everyone booked some time to watch their favourite TV shows," said Lynne Clarke, head of marketing at Microsoft Advertising. "Well that's something that still happens but it's something that's a little bit more of a passive background medium, people have the TV on while they also have their laptop, their tablet or their mobile phone, and they're playing around with those devices at the same time."

Quoted

"It's really pretty surprising how quickly the Canadian consumer's expectations have risen as it relates to where content and data is available and how they view the user interface or the user experience." Lynne Clarke, head of marketing at Microsoft Advertising.

Clarke said multi-screen multi-tasking is becoming more common in Canada as consumers get addicted to their mobile devices and expect to be able to use them for anything, anywhere.

"A consumer really does want it to be the same everywhere, they don't expect to have any breaks in content when they're on the go."

But Canadians are still seen as more conservative than their global peers when it comes to some mobile tasks such as online shopping, she added.

"There still tends to be a higher proportion of Canadians that do an awful lot of research online but still tend to shop offline."

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Multi-screen multi-taskers

Clarke identified four types of multi-screen multi-taskers:

- **Content grazing.** Typically uses two or more screens to watch TV and access unrelated content, with no intent to accomplish anything important. They seek fleeting moments of fun and distraction and tend to get addicted to using technology this way.
- **Investigative spider-webbing.** These users juggle devices to delve deeply into something they've seen on their big screen, or something that's come up in conversation.
- **Social spider-webbing.** Extroverted users who use multiple screens to share and connect with peers watching what they're watching on their TV, or engage with digital communities with the TV on.
- **Quantum multi-taskers.** These users have a job to do and choose to accomplish it by using a variety of devices. Online shoppers typically fit into this category.

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Senior moment: Race to top

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For Sasha Menu Courey, the end came far too soon

Borderline personality disorder. Parents take up the cause for daughter diagnosed with mental illness who committed suicide in 2011

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Sasha Menu Courey wrote in her diary that dialectical behaviour therapy was "air" to her — no small metaphor for someone who, as a world-class swimmer, knew more than most of us about what it means to breathe.

She killed herself about three weeks later, in June 2011.

Sasha's parents believe she ended her life, at least in part, because she couldn't face leaving the hospital that was giving her the vital dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) before her treatment was complete.

Borderline personality disorder (BPD) isn't well understood. Chances are you have a distorted idea of it, thanks to shows like Criminal Minds, or the Jodi Arias murder trial.

When Sasha told her mother, Lynn Courey, she'd been diagnosed with BPD, Lynn responded with hope, saying, "Oh, it's not bad, you're on the borderline of a personality disorder."

"I didn't know anything then," Lynn said recently as she sat with her husband Mike Menu and daughter Kaya Menu Courey in the living room of their Toronto home. "I didn't know."

What is BPD?

"Borderline" doesn't mean BPD isn't serious. The name is outdated jargon that refers to the disorder being on the border of two other diagnoses.

People with BPD have difficulty controlling their emotions and impulses; they're sensitive and they feel things intensely, explained Dr. Shelley McMain, head of the Borderline Personality Clinic at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

But unlike the impression given by television and sensational trials, it doesn't mean they're violent toward others. About one in 10 people diagnosed with BPD dies by suicide, said McMain.

Although BPD is not uncommon, treatment is hard to come by. CAMH is the only hospital in Toronto with a clinic devoted to treating BPD, and one of only a handful in Canada.

What is DBT?

CAMH treats BPD patients with dialectical behaviour therapy, a talk therapy developed in the 1990s. One key component is validation — a way of talking to someone with empathy, by expressing that you know their emotions are understandable and real, instead of saying they're wrong to feel the way they do.

Lynn and Mike recall trying to help Sasha when she felt bullied and alone. Following their best instincts, they would try to comfort her and tell her she shouldn't be sad, but their response would make her feel angry or misunderstood, and worried that something was wrong with her.

Another component of DBT is learning mindfulness, which is "being aware of the current moment without judgment, being present," said McMain.

Mike and Lynn have begun teaching Toronto students and teachers about BPD and validation techniques. They'd like to see a mental-health curriculum in schools that teaches about mental illness without stigma, and about the basics of DBT.

Trying to cope

"But my kid had just tried to kill herself. We left this place with shame and guilt. What did we do to our daughter for her to feel this way?"

Lynn Courey, Sasha's mother

Sasha Menu Courey

Sasha was born March 10, 1991, sensitive from the start but physically strong. "She was born with muscle," said Lynn.

Sasha joined the Etobicoke Swim Club and set the 12-years-and-under record for the 50 free. She would cry if she didn't beat her best time, even if she won the race. Her parents would tell her that she shouldn't be upset about that — and learned almost a decade later that there was a better way to talk her through it.

At 15, Sasha left Toronto to swim at the National Training Centre in Montreal. When an injury forced her to stop training temporarily, the drop in endorphins and serotonin that come from exercise made her depressed, her parents said.

The two sides of Sasha Menu Courey, who died in June of 2011. PHOTOS COURTESY OF FAMILY OF SASHA MENU COUREY

BPD education

Lynn Courey and Mike Menu are on a mission to educate people about borderline personality disorder and dialectical behaviour therapy.

- They run the Sashbear Foundation (sashbear.org) and are holding its first Borderline Walk on May 26, beginning in Sunnyside Park in Toronto.

"Then, last but not least, she had her heart broken," said Lynn. "And then she tried to kill herself in May 2007."

Sasha's parents took her to Sunnybrook Hospital, where a psychiatrist diagnosed her with nothing more than teen angst.

"But my kid had just tried to kill herself," said Lynn. "We left this place with shame and guilt. What did we do to our daughter for her to feel this way?"

Sasha resumed her routine and went on to swim with the Junior National Team, then accepted a full scholarship at the University of Missouri.

But when a back injury forced her to stop swimming, the problems of 2007 returned.

Sasha checked herself into the psychiatric ward of a hospital in Columbia, Mo., and was diagnosed with BPD. The night she was released, she and another girl she met there told her parents they were going out to let off steam. Instead, they had a suicide pact.

Both girls survived, and Sasha's parents tried to bring her home to Ontario for treatment, but CAMH's waiting list was too long. So, they took her to a private hospital in Boston that cost $44,000 a month.

There, Sasha improved as she and her parents learned about BPD. But the cost forced her family to arrange to take her back to Canada.

Sasha didn't make it home.

"She wanted to live," said Lynn. "She loved life. She just couldn't live with this excruciating pain."

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Eatery's owners show how not to behave online

Social media. Arizona restaurateurs' poor conduct highlights the importance of dealing with negative reviews

It was the customer service disaster heard around the Internet.

A Scottsdale, Ariz. restaurateur, fed up after years of negative online reviews and an embarrassing appearance on a reality television show, allegedly posted a social media rant laced with salty language and angry, uppercase letters that quickly went viral last week, to the delight of people who love a good Internet meltdown.

"I AM NOT STUPID ALL OF YOU ARE," read the posting on the Facebook wall of Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz. "YOU JUST DO NOT KNOW GOOD FOOD."

Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz., temporarily closed after an episode of Kitchen Nightmares aired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was, to put it kindly, not a best-business practice. Add to that an appearance earlier this month on the Fox reality TV show Kitchen Nightmares — where celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay gave up on trying to reform the restaurant after the owners refused to listen to his advice — and you have a recipe for disaster.

"That's probably the worst thing that can happen," said Sujan Patel, founder and CEO of Single Grain, a digital marketing agency in San Francisco.

In the evolving world of online marketing, where the power of word of mouth has been wildly amplified by the whims and first impressions of anonymous reviewers posting on dozens of social media websites, online comments, both good and bad, and the reactions they trigger from managers, can make all the difference between higher revenues and empty storefronts.

Hotels, restaurants and other businesses that depend on good customer service reviews have all grappled in recent years with how to respond to online feedback on sites such as Twitter, Foursquare, Yelp, Facebook and Instagram, where comments can often be more vitriol than in-person reviews because of the anonymous shield many social media websites provide.

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Real estate. Home-buying intentions remain relatively strong, bank report finds

A new report suggests nearly half of Canadian homeowners intend to buy a property in the next five years, despite a cooling off in the housing market.

The BMO Housing Confidence Report says the 48 per cent figure is mostly unchanged from late 2012, suggesting continued confidence in the housing market.

Among major cities, the report found a five-point gain in buying intentions in Vancouver while Calgary was down by 13 points.

Buying intentions in the Greater Toronto Area and Montreal have held steady, while Atlantic Canada has seen a 15 per cent jump in buying intentions.

The bank's report further suggests close to half of all homeowners under 40 intend to purchase a larger home within the next five years.

The BMO report by Pollara was based on online interviews with a random sample of 1,008 Canadian homeowners between Feb. 21-27.

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The housing market slowdown hasn't had much impact on consumer buying intentions, a new BMO report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Economic impact

Housing slowdown could cost 150,000 jobs, group warns

Canada's housing market is slowing dramatically in terms of both sales and construction, dragging down economic growth and putting some 150,000 jobs at risk in coming years, the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals warns in its spring report. The group stops short of calling the slide that began about nine months ago a crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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One-third of Canadian households are living paycheque to paycheque

Personal finance.
Consumption patterns are 'playing havoc with people's ability to save,' says report's co-author

According to a new report, many Canadians say they have nothing left over for the piggy bank once their bills are paid. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Almost a third of Canadian households report never or almost never having any money left to save after paying their bills, according to a new study issued Wednesday.

Households that reported no wealth accumulation tended to be working, middle-aged people — although of varying income levels, says the study by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada.

"They felt that their incomes were not keeping pace with the cost of living," said Rock Lefebvre, co-author of the study, which surveyed more than 1,800 people.

Consumer consumption, such as the use of home equity lines of credit, was among things hurting the accumulation of wealth, Lefebvre said.

"This consumption pattern that has emerged over the last decade ... is playing havoc with people's ability to save," he said.

"Because of the low interest rates coupled with the behaviour of borrowing, people are possibly buying homes and cars that are a little more expensive than what they would typically be able to afford."

Meanwhile, two-thirds of households with no wealth accumulation — meaning the value of their assets was less or about the same as the amount of their household debt — didn't expect to get any further ahead in the next three years, the study said.

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By the numbers

$6,600

The report found that the wealth of an average Canadian adult was only $6,600 in 2012, or 2.7 per cent higher when compared to the wealth controlled by households at the beginning of 2008.

Labour dispute

Union says Porter Airlines is trying to silence members with lawsuit

Porter Airlines is using a lawsuit to stop the union representing 22 striking workers from protesting the way the airline treats its employees, the Canadian Office and Professional Employees union contends.

In a statement of defence filed in Ontario Superior court, COPE said Wednesday that a lawsuit filed by Porter over comments made on Twitter is an abuse of process designed to silence and restrict the union and its members. "The intended purpose of this litigation is to intimidate the defendants so that they abandon their legitimate criticism of the plaintiffs," the statement said.

Porter Airlines filed a lawsuit in April seeking $3 million for general and special damages for defamation and $1 million in punitive, aggravated and exemplary damages.

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Plastic surgery: Evian bottle gets a facelift

Evian is giving itself a makeover to keep up with its sleek, young competitors on store shelves. On Wednesday, it unveiled a new bottle for the first time in 14 years. The water brand, which is owned by French food and beverage company Danone, is looking to reinvigorate its image and win back market share in the premium water category.

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Gay-rights group files complaint against Exxon

One after another, major U.S. corporations have updated anti-discrimination policies to protect gay, lesbian and transgender workers, drawing plaudits from gay-rights groups. There's one prominent exception: Exxon Mobil Corp.

On Wednesday, in the latest attempt to pressure the firm into change, a gay-rights group called Freedom to Work teamed with a high-powered Washington law firm to file what they described as a groundbreaking discrimination complaint against Exxon in Illinois. An Exxon Mobil spokesman said the firm was reviewing the complaint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. students want colleges to divest from fossil fuels

Climate change.
Fossil Free movement takes inspiration from anti-apartheid campaigns

In an effort to slow the pace of climate change, students at more than 200 U.S. colleges are asking their schools to stop investing in fossil fuel companies.

The Fossil Free campaign argues that if it's wrong to pour pollution into the air and contribute to climate change, it's also wrong to profit from it.

The strategy, modelled after anti-apartheid campaigns of the 1980s, aims to limit the flow of capital to fossil fuel companies by making their stocks morally and financially unattractive. In theory, that could lead to a slowdown in how much fossil fuel is burned and indirectly speed investments in renewable energy.

The students say it's hard for colleges and universities to ignore the arguments when scientists are teaching classes about the threats of climate change, and when the core mission of such institutions is to prepare young people for the future.

"We know this is something that's going to really matter in our lifetimes," said Sophie Harrison, an 18-year-old freshman at Stanford University. "The world that we're going to be raising our kids in is going to be very different from the one we were born into."

The campaign targets companies that own most of the world's coal, oil and natural gas reserves. While many schools argue divestment would harm their endowments, an analysis conducted for The Associated Press casts doubt on that. The research firm S&P Capital IQ found that by one measure, endowments would have been better off had they divested 10 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jakob von Essen gestures toward a crowd at a May 2 rally in San Francisco to support fossil fuel divestment. Von Essen, who came from Sweden to intern with Bay Area Green tours, was riding a stationary bike that generated power for the rally's sound system. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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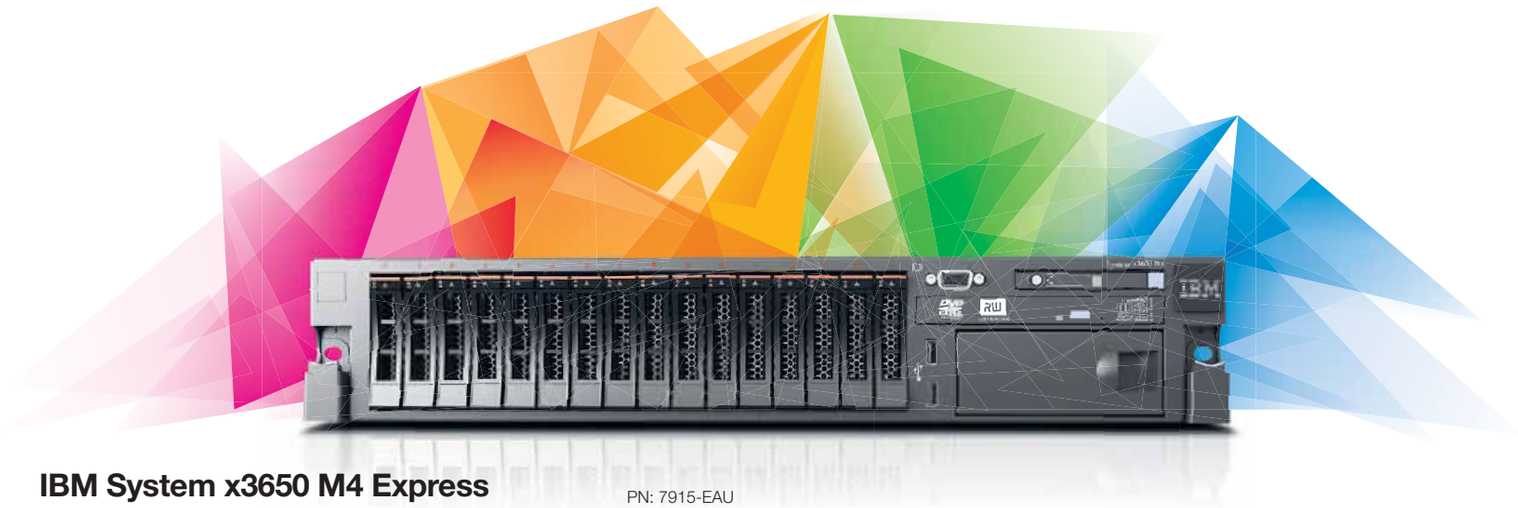

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MY GOOGLE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY

HE SAYS

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Attention early adopters: Google Glass is on its way, and the new wearable technology is going to completely revolutionize the way that humans irritate each other.

The computer/eyeglasses hybrid hasn't yet been released to the general public, but Google Glass is already at the centre of the great debate that accompanies the arrival of any major new technology.

Namely: Is it a force for evil, or for good?

Is Google Glass a further erosion of our privacy, like CCTV cameras or the mirror? Or is it a great tech leap forward, like the jump from Nintendo to Super Nintendo?

My best guess? Neither. There will be a few innovative uses, sure, and a few major misuses, and a totally disproportionate amount of porn.

But I suspect people who think there will be life-altering repercussions might find that there's a Glass ceiling to be hit.

I've seen the glasses described as "augmented reality," which seems like a bit much. It's not as if it will provide a holodeck-like experience, allowing you to walk the vast empty expanse of Google Plus in 3D.

Google Glass is, for all intents and purposes, just a hands-free iPad.

Which is why I say its major impact will be providing innovative ways for people to irritate each other.

Look deep into the crystal (display) ball and you'll see what I mean:

• First the general public will scoff at the early adopters standing in line on Opening Day, then the early adopters will roll their eyes a few months later as moms and dads buy each other Google Glasses for Christmas

• Eventually there will be different styles and capabilities of Google Glass, and they'll become status symbols, with each clique annoyed that the other owns the device for the "wrong" reasons. Presumably the hipster Google Glasses won't even have lenses.

• There will be some anti-Glass protest groups decrying the end of privacy. They will make many good points, but they'll also be so smug and self-important that you'll be glad their cause is hopeless.

• One moronic motorist will, say, drive into scaffolding while playing Angry Birds on his glasses, setting off numerous idiotic political debates that will accomplish nothing. A U.S. senator will say something about the glasses that show he has not used a new piece of technology since the Vic-20.

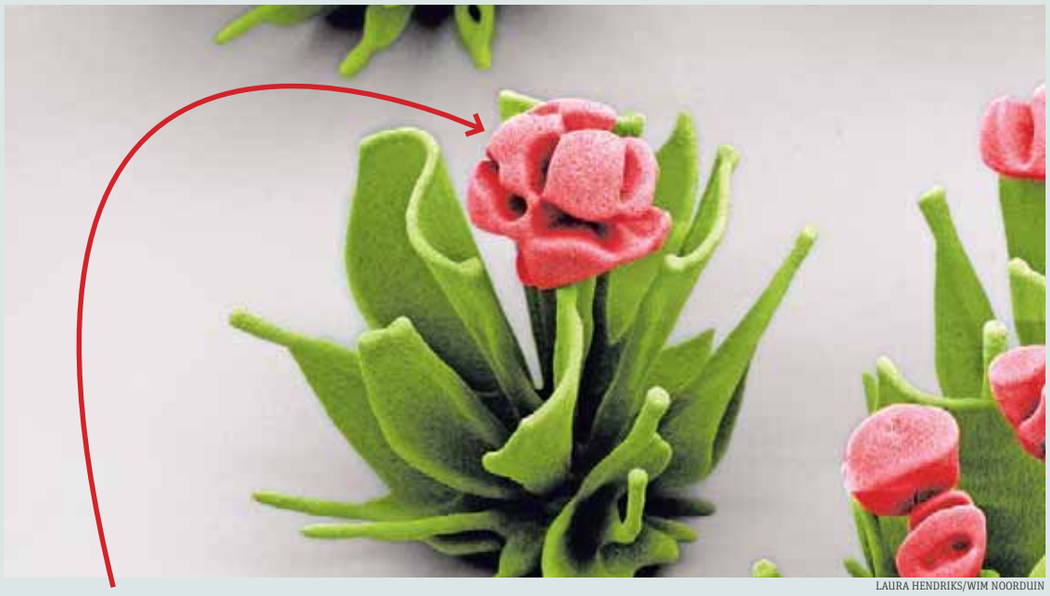
• Once the device is ubiquitous, it will be hard to tell whether random people are Googling, which means Google Glass will combine the phone app annoyance of being ignored, with the phone call frustration of hearing only half a conversation.

In short, these new Portable Annoyance Devices, or eyePADs, will be deeply irritating at times. But they're not going to hasten the end of civilization, either, and you'll probably own one eventually.

Like all technology, Google Glass will only be as good or as bad as the humans who wield it. So we probably are doomed. But only to disappointment. Google Glass half full?

ZOOM

These automatic flowers will do



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Microscopic crystals bloom in beaker

Scientists at Harvard University have been able to grow microscopic crystals into dainty "flower" structures on a beaker of chemical fluid.

Dr. Wim Noorduin and his team at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) found they can control the growth behaviour of crystals to create intricate molecular objects. Two chemical compounds are dissolved in water in a simple glass beaker.

As CO_2 enters the beaker from the air, it triggers reactions that result in forming microscopic objects, a process that takes up to four hours.

"By manipulating the mixture's conditions, like adding some acid or kitchen salt, a large diversity of shapes — from vases to corals — can be made," says Noorduin.

"When zooming in using an electron microscope, you see that inside the beaker a vast landscape of complex, sculpted microstructures has evolved in which you can get completely lost. It really feels like you are diving in an alien coral reef," he added. METRO

Petals in zoom

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micrometres (0.00005 metres) is the size of one "flower" — equivalent to the width of six red blood cells, or smaller than the thickness of a bank note. While Noorduin admits that "there are no practical applications yet," making these aesthetically pleasing objects "moves towards the control that is required for many practical applications, such as optical materials and catalysts."

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Just in time to start tabling your summer travel plans, a new gastro-site is helping connect tourists with local foods. Imagine Airbnb meeting Feastly, and you get the idea: Cookening.com is a site dedicated to matching eager chefs with hungry tourists (though locals are invited, too). Cookening doesn't have what you're looking for? Try these similar sites:

EatWith.com
Your taste buds will be tickled in New York, Spain and Israel with this site.

Kitchen.ly
This one transforms the dining experience by allowing users to register as cooks.

Eatfeastly.com
Chefs in Canada and the U.S. participate in this foodie frenzy.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Are you worried about Canada's reputation abroad because of Rob Ford?

@joshmcconnell: A prominent appearance on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart means we have made it. People know it is an outlier situation anyway.

@A_McDo: No, the world will soon return to never, ever thinking about Canada.

@NikkiLambTudico: I'm not worried. Firstly, he doesn't represent all of Canada. Second, no country is immune to idiotic politicians. #dimeadozen

@FrenchmanCanada: I'm more worried about the allegations being true.

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Life and times of Broken Social Scene

Exhibit and anniversary. Band adopts Taiwanese kid, who becomes their unofficial photographer ... sort of

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Norman Wong says he was trying to 'iconize' the people he took portraits of. CONTRIBUTED/NORMAN WONG

Norman Wong is sick, but trying to power through.

Only two weeks remain before the premiere of his debut photo show, Norman Wong X Arts & Crafts, and a stack of pics remain unframed.

He's also got a slew of Polaroids to pick through and an on-again off-again book meant to accompany the show is on again.

"It's never a dull moment," he quips.

The show, the culmination of eight years of hard work, is one of the integral pieces of the 10-year anniversary celebrations for local indie record label Arts & Crafts, home to artists like Feist and sprawling indie rock collective Broken Social Scene.

Wong had just moved to Toronto when he met Sarah Haywood and her then boyfriend Brendan Canning, one half of Broken Social Scene's brain trust, backstage at Live 8 in Barrie.

"We became friends almost immediately that day," he says.

A week later Haywood called wanting to know if Wong, at the time more interested in film than photography, wanted to shoot some backstage footage for "a band."

"It turned out to be Broken Social Scene," he says.

The group, at the time heroes at home and on the rise internationally, quickly took to Wong, taking him under their collective wing, particularly Canning and Haywood.

"I felt like I was their adopted Asian kid. They were Brad and Angelina and I was their Taiwanese kid," he jokes. "But I met the love of my life through them and I met all my closest friends through these two people."

Wong slowly transitioned from film to photography, shooting pretty much everyone ever associated with the group in some capacity in the process.

But it was his portraiture that caught the attention of Arts & Crafts co-founder Jeffrey Remedios.

"Jeffrey said, 'This is a great time to show this and whoever you're missing, let's complete this. You're the closest one to all these people.'"

Accompanying the large, black and white portraits are Wong's archives from live shows, session shoots and private moments with his friends, and a collection of personal Polaroids. But it's the individual shots that get Wong the most excited.

"The whole thesis of these portraits was to iconize these people," he says.

"I was a lot younger than all of them. I had this perspective on them where I was looking up to them."

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Matt Berninger, lead singer for The National, talks about the band's reputation. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sad-sack singer strums his tune of resignation

Music. Indie-rockers the National argue against reputation for sad music and admit, at this point, there isn't much they can say to change opinions

The National's frontman Matt Berninger has heard so many times in so many ways that his band's songs are sad that it eventually became a bit of a bummer.

Even in resoundingly upbeat reviews the indie-rockers have amassed over the years, rock scribes have dug deep for new and creative ways to describe the band's admittedly moody tunes. Rolling Stone recently referred to the Cincinnati-reared, Brooklyn-based rockers as "indie-rock sadsters" and "first-rate gloom-raiders" while Berninger himself has been singled out by the L.A. Times for finding "100 shades of morose" and by Entertainment Weekly as sounding "badly in need of Paxil." In some cases, those statements were meant as compliments.

Quote

"It became clear that there's no way we were ever going to prove otherwise."

Matt Berninger
Talking about how The National has stopped trying to convince people about what kind of band they are.

And Berninger, the soaring singer with the expressive baritone as deep as the ocean floor, has learned to stop being irritated by the feedback.

"For a long time, we tried to fight against the idea that we're a sad, depressing band — and I've never thought of us that way — but it became clear that there's no way we were ever going to prove otherwise," he said.

And yet, he quickly glides into a familiar argument against the band's apparently suffocating somberness.

"I think it has the opposite effect for most people who pay attention," said the thoughtful frontman. "Because singing about melodrama and sadness and depression and romance and social anxieties and whatever they are, have been my ways of embracing them and kind of making something fun out of them and helping me deal.

"The songs about that stuff, I find them to be very soothing and leave me feeling the opposite way, leave me feeling relieved. I think most people who pay attention to our band and have followed us don't think of us as depressing and think of us as the opposite too. But on a cursory level, yes, our songs are not light pop songs."

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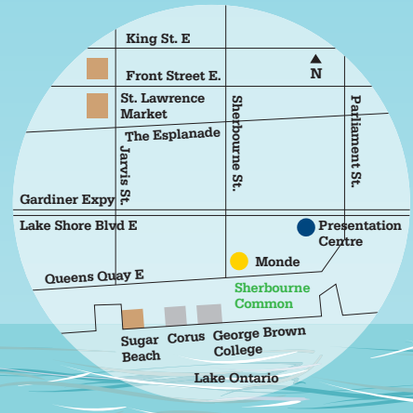

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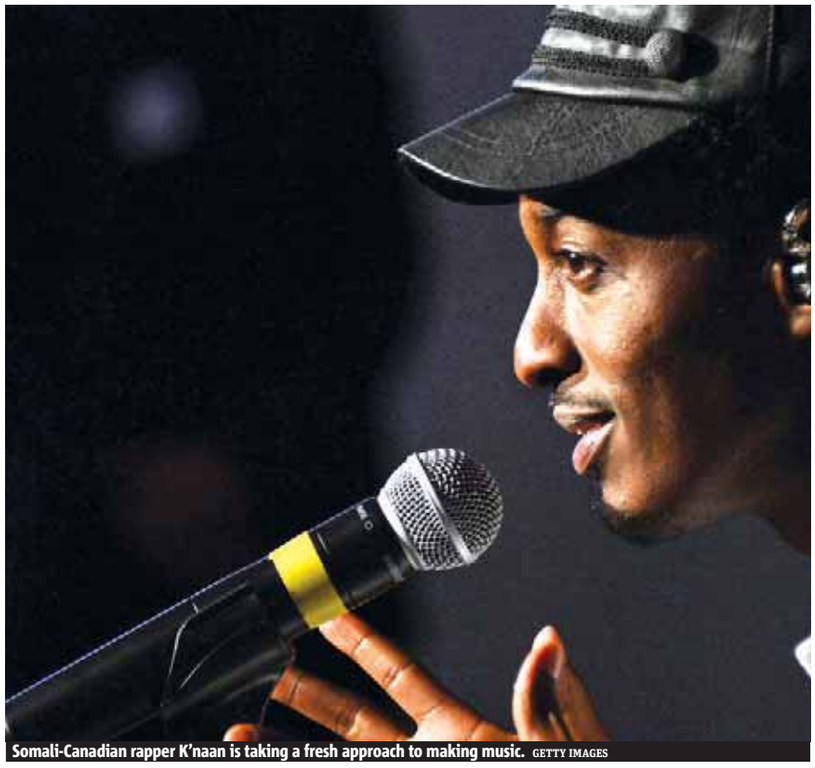

Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan is taking a fresh approach to making music. GETTY IMAGES

Waving a white flag on chasing his fame

Canadian music.
K'naan working on new songs after deriding 2012 album for chasing U.S. success in the wrong places

Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan says lingering disappointment over his last album is pushing him to write and release a new batch of songs. The Wavin' Flag musician says he's found renewed focus to "be honest" in his work, after playing it too safe with 2012's Country, God or the Girl.

K'naan says from Los Angeles that he's writing new material he hopes will be ready this fall.

His disdain for last year's disc was laid bare in a New York Times opinion piece published in December 2012.

K'naan began that 1,200-word article by saying: "Here is a story about fame," and went on to recount label pressure to cater his dense global rhymes to a pop-loving female, teenage U.S. audience.

K'naan, who draws much of his inspiration from his troubled homeland, now says he's been thinking a lot about the artist he wants to be and the kind of music he wants to make.

"It's a very instinctual album (there's), not a lot of mulling over it," K'naan says of the new songs.

"I just felt like I had to do things this time around that felt pretty urgent to me."

And he is hoping to get the material out into the world as soon as he can, he admits, largely because of regretful choices made with Country, God or the Girl.

"The rush is that I didn't really like that album so much, so I think that that's the experience — the reflection of the album I put out has caused me to put out another one," he says of last year's disc, which nevertheless earned respectable reviews.

"It's not even a mechanical thing; it's the urge to explain the dynamics of things and try to be honest about where I'm at, what my life is and also the difference between writing music that you could write and music that you should write."

In the Times piece, the rapper recounts meeting label executives to discuss how to keep his U.S. audience growing. Their main advice? Change his lyrics because "radio programmers avoid subjects too far from fun and self-absorption."

"And for the first time, I felt the affliction of success," K'naan writes.

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Take chances

These days he says he needs to "be honest about things and not necessarily be safe."

- **Quote.** "My previous work — with the exception of the last record — you wouldn't call those songs safe, you know," he continues. "They weren't structured around any kind of a pop success or idea around success. They were just what one thought they had to do or say. I think that's kind of like the journey I'm on at this point."

French electronic duo Daft Punk keeps robot image, try new sound

New album. There are mixed reviews for Random Access Memories as the dance music crew tries to expand musically with fourth album

It's tempting to say Daft Punk has gone Hollywood. The influential French electronic duo crafted its first film score, for Tron: Legacy, three years ago and are now releasing a well-financed, smartly-hyped pop album featuring what they call an ensemble cast of contemporary singers and veteran musicians.

There's long been a showbiz bent to the work of Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, who for the last 13 years have hidden their faces in public appearances by wearing robot helmets and costumes. Bangalter compares the mystique-building masks — echoed by musicians including Deadmau5 and MF Doom — to an ever-evolving comic book superhero who starts as a side story "then maybe 50 years later it becomes like a big franchise movie in Hollywood."

Yet Daft Punk's new album Random Access Memories isn't the special effects-filled summer blockbuster you might expect. The group that helped popularize electronic dance music in the United States has used almost exclusively live instrumentation on the 13 songs, many modeled on the easygoing groove of late 1970s pop and disco. At a time when drum machines and urgent computer-generated chords dominate the charts, Daft Punk went the opposite direction.

"Human voices in pop music are becoming more and more robotic," Bangalter said. "(The album) is a robotic project and a technological one that is trying to get more and more human."

Like film directors

They started with several days of jam sessions in Los Angeles, then spent four years layering sounds, editing, rearranging and re-recording.

- **Quote.** Bangalter compares the duo to a film director "shooting for months and months, stopping sometimes to do reshoots and then lots of editing."

Through arranger Chris Caswell, the group linked up with players who could evoke their favourite music from Chic, early Michael Jackson, Steely Dan, Fleetwood Mac. Chic's Nile Rodgers, drummer JR Robinson and bassist James Genus lay the musical bed for vocalists including Julian Casablancas, Panda Bear from Animal Collective and Pharrell. It's a long way from the two-man home studio productions that defined the first three Daft Punk albums.

"Making music with musicians and bringing back a certain craftsmanship, that was totally unfamiliar for us. It was somehow a certain fantasy," Bangalter said. "It's funny because it was somehow a luxury to be able to do that. But at the same time it was not a comfortable position."

Early response has been mixed to the hotly anticipated album, which streamed on iTunes prior to Tuesday's release. "This album makes me not like L.A.," DJ-producer Diplo tweeted. "These guys are way smarter then me. I'm definitely missing something." Billboard called the album "messy" but said it was "fantastic to hear these masterminds trying again," while Pitchfork praised its musicianship and "amazing level of detail."

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Daft Punk's new album Random Access Memories is getting mixed reviews after being released earlier this week. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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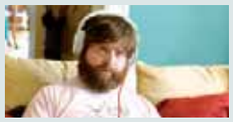

The Hangover Part III

Director. Ami Ayalon, Avi Dichter

Stars. Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis

The first Hangover movie was a dark, hilarious look at a bachelor party gone horribly wrong. After an unfunny carbon-copy sequel the series ends with a heist film, sans the monkey and, unfortunately, most of the laughs. This time the Wolfpack are coerced by a gangster into tracking down Mr. Chow (Ken Jeong) and gold bricks worth $21 million. Part three is as vulgar as the first two, but the story is stuck in limbo somewhere between heist flick and comedy.

RICHARD CROUSE

Jessica Walter returns as the booze-fueled matriarch Lucille Bluth on Arrested Development. HANDOUT

Get her a vodka rocks, Lucille Bluth is back

Arrested Development. Jessica Walter's 50-year acting career has entered a renaissance

TODD GILCHRIST
Metro World News

By her count, Jessica Walter has been a member of the Screen Actors Guild for 50 years, a period of time that encompasses a vast body of work — dramatic (Grand Prix), suspenseful (Play Misty For Me), supernatural (Dr. Strange) and, most recently, comedic (Archer). But for Walter, the forthcoming return of Arrested Development offers a reassuring reminder that her career has transcended not just different genres, but different generations.

"Certainly demographically, there are probably people who thought I was dead," Walter says candidly. "I have people that are my age and older who know who I am, who remember some of my work from the old days, and then I used to get, 'Wow, my mother really likes you.' Then I'd get, 'My grandma really likes you.' And now I get 'I really like you!' So how can I be unhappy about that?"

According to Walter, who plays boozy matriarch Lucille Bluth, virtually every line of dialogue in the 15 new episodes creator Mitchell Hurwitz wrote has a double (or even triple) meaning, much like those in the 53 episodes of the show that were broadcast during its three seasons on Fox. But because each episode now focuses on a different character, instead of simply following Jason Bateman's Michael Bluth, conversational contexts shifted frequently — a change that provided a considerable challenge for Walter and her co-stars as they navigated their way through Hurwitz's latticework of plot strands and one-liners.

"We didn't know a whole lot, a lot of the time, which makes it much more difficult," she admits. "In the end, it all worked out, but it's a strange way to work because you don't have all of the materials."

Still, the actress says she slipped easily back into the role, even after a seven-year hiatus between the show's cancellation and its rebirth on Netflix. "The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific," she observes. "Once I heard Tony (Hale's) voice and once I saw him, there he was with the hook and his pathetic demeanor, he was my little Busty again."

No writer's block here

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Jessica Walter on Arrested Development.

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KStew and RPattz: Never, ever getting back together?

In the wake of her split from Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart is apparently seeking the counsel of a pal who's something of a breakup specialist. The Twilight star was spotted heading to Taylor Swift's Beverly Hills home earlier this week, according to PopSugar. Stewart reportedly "spent all day there" before heading home. This comes after Pattinson was seen removing his possessions and dogs from Stewart's house. "She tried, they both tried," a source tells Us Weekly of the split. "They're both good people. It was just not the right thing for either of them right now."

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Brad and Angie: Still gaga

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't afraid to show their affection for each other — even if their kids protest, to hear Pitt's pal, Frank Pollaro, tell it. "Once I walked in and Angie was standing there and Zahara walked up and said, 'Daddy, you're not going to start making out with Mommy again, are you?'" Pollaro tells Esquire. "And it's like that. This is a guy who has tried not to do any sexy scenes with other women since he's met Angelina. He's crazy about her, and she's the same way about him."

The Word

Things just got 'real' for this housewife

THE WORD
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The Real Housewives of the OC star Tamra Barney joins the ranks of Bethenny Frankel and Kim Zolciak as Housewives who have gotten their own Bravo show. The divorced mother of four's new show will centre around her wedding to fiancé Eddie Judge, which will be held this summer in California. The two are then opening a gym together (of course they are).

So far, the show has no title, but the spin-off is a no-brainer, according to RadarOnline. "For Bravo, she has it all: the romantic storyline of getting married, for a third time, the drama with the other OC Housewives and she'll inevitably be a beautiful bride, when she walks down the aisle," a source tells the site.

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@MissKellyO
I swear to god I have spent the better part of a day staring at the wall the antibiotics the DR put me on are so strong!

@sethrogen
I finally joined Facebook! To make up for lost time, I made a tutorial vid showing how to roll a CROSS JOINT!

Will Smith

Is Will Smith going to get jiggy with Kanye West?

Will Smith may be heading back to the music world, and if he does we have Kanye West to thank.

"I've been messing around with Kanye," Smith tells HipHollywood.com. "We went in the studio a couple times, so I might get the bug. I'm not going to do it unless I'm truly inspired, but (Kanye has) been pushing me a little bit."

Smith has not released any music since 2005.

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Double-duty denim

This spring, denim comes in patched looks that are one part '60s hippie and one part '90s grunge (with a touch of '80s Marty McFly)

KENYA HUNT
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3.1 Phillip Lim
Chambray pants, $425, netaporter.com

Madewell
Two-tone chambray shirt $88, madewell.com

Reiss
1971 Robbie shirt $170, reiss.com

Zara
Jeans, $80, zara.com

MiH
Jeans, $235 netaporter.com

Real world application

A test run

Every season offers a new interpretation of denim, some easier to pull off than others.

Last year's look — those ubiquitous leopard spots — were harmless and versatile. But this season brings some more challenging fare — neon tie-dye anyone?

On the surface, two-tone jeans look like they'd be dangerous, placing you in ironic, hipster, try-too-hard territory. But they're actually versatile, striking a good balance between right-now and still-stylish-later.

I chose a pair by the British label Made in Heaven because they did just that, plus, they're just skinny enough without preventing one's ability to breathe. I wore mine with a graphic blouse, tailored coat and pumps, an outfit that successfully took me from the office to dinner with friends afterward.

KENYA HUNT, MWN

Let your toes do the talking

We look at five of the season's biggest footwear trends and determine what each will say about the man who chooses to wear them

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

The retro slip-on

Try: Rivieras France slip-on shoes $85, asos.com

What it says:
A laid back, no-fuss kind of guy who probably doesn't work a traditional 9-to-5. Thanks to Vans, this shoe is as much of a wardrobe staple to 20- and 30-somethings as pleated chinos are to their dads. This spring they come in all sorts of new styles, like the retro '50s model up top.

The gladiator sandal

Try: Damir Doma Frido sandal $772, ln-cc.com

What it says:
You're the guy who gets a pedicure and possibly even peruses the street style blogs, where these shoes have been cropping up. Gladiator-style sandals, like the solid-strapped pair pictured below, are sold pretty much exclusively to the fashion pack.

The colourful driving shoe

Try: Mr. Hare Sergio driving shoes $418, mrhare.com

What it says:
They're the kind of shoes that womanizer Daniel Cleaver from Bridget Jones's Diary would wear while speeding off for that steamy weekend away. So if that's what you're going for, the shoe pictured above is for you. The cobalt colour gives the classic revved-up sex appeal, especially when teamed with a perfect St.Tropez tan.

The bold track sneaker

Try: New Balance men's Country Fair sneakers $184, oki-ni.com

What it says:
You're aware of trends (bright trainers are, like, so now.) This is also ideal for those of you who give rules the middle finger. Think: the guy who wears a suit with sneakers to the company conference. Or Steve Jobs.

The colour-blocked boat shoe

Try: Thom Browne boat shoes $520, mrporter.com

What it says:
You're someone who finds the basics boring and knows what a Thom Browne suit is. With these shoes, tradition meets quirky modernity, offering just enough of the unexpected to set you apart from all of your friends dressed in conventional wardrobe staples this summer.

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What does it mean to you to be a 5th year volunteer?
Being a 5th year volunteer gives me a sense of pride. I've been with this festival through different growing pains and we're still kicking! I've made friends I look forward to seeing each year. We come back because we have so much fun volunteering. Luminato Festival is a unique experience that encourages people to get involved.

Do you have a favourite moment you would like to share?
Last year I worked in David Pecaut Square during the weekdays. It was quiet so I got to experience the sound checks for the different artists performing and was given a chance to talk to each of them. To be able to get so close to each of them was pretty incredible.

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Cannes vs. the Billboard Music Awards

On the surface, the two red carpets couldn't seem more different. But in reality, they share a lot in common, like a slew of wacky, attention-grabby outfits. We look at the best and the worst.

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The pretty young things

Cannes: Cara Delevingne shows she's got grown-up sex appeal by swapping her trademark beanie and high-tops for a Burberry dress with a plunging neckline.

Billboard: Legs for miles: Taylor Swift shows why she's a one-woman disco in a sparkling Zuhair Murad mini.

The attention-grabbers

Cannes: Hang on, who the hell is Elena Lenina? Exactly. Nobody knows, which explains why the Russian TV presenter and "model" chose to wear a pompadour hopped up on Viagra to Cannes.

Billboard: Never underestimate the power of an obscenely high slit to land a girl in the papers. Oh the cheek of it, Ke$ha! And with a new single, Warrior, to promote, it's worth trading a little flesh for flashbulbs.

The wackadoos

Cannes: Florence Welch is a Cannes first-timer, trying a bit too hard in a lurid Miu Miu polka-dot dress and platforms.

Billboard: Z LaLa is an unknown. She clearly wants to make an impression, but dressing like Christmas tinsel isn't going to cut it.

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Sandra

TD Canada Trust Employee

Age: 21

What she's wearing
Aritzia Sweater, jean jacket from Garage, paisley scarf from the market in downtown Ottawa, leggings from American Apparel, and Combat Boots from Spring.

Her inspiration
"I am inspired by my mood! I dress according to how I am generally feeling when I get up!"

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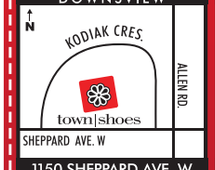

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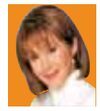
Sweet Bell Peppers Stuffed with Spaghetti, Tomato and Prosciutto

This recipe serves six. Each serving contains 380 calories and 10 grams of fat. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)



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This is a great vegetable or main course dish. The stock and milk sauce replaces traditional white béchamel sauces, which contain excess calories and fat.

1. Preheat oven to broil. Broil peppers in oven or grill for 15 minutes or until charred, turning often. Let cool for 5 minutes. Remove tops of peppers and save. Peel skin and de-seed, leaving whole pepper intact. This can be done under cool running water.

2. Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Drain and place in large bowl.

3. Make the sauce: In large nonstick skillet, heat oil; sauté garlic and onions until soft, approximately 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 1 minute.

4. Meanwhile, combine stock and flour in small bowl; add to tomato mixture and simmer just until sauce thickens slightly, approximately 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over pasta; add basil, margarine, prosciutto and cheese. Mix well. Stuff peppers until full, saving remainder as a side dish. Place pepper top over pasta, to act as lid. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY: ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 6 medium sweet bell peppers (green, red and/or yellow)
- 12 oz spaghettini

Sauce

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 3/4 cup diced onions
- 1 3/4 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups cold chicken stock
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup chopped prosciutto or ham
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

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"Should I buy title insurance?!" ISTOCK IMAGES

Questions you should ask your real estate lawyer

Preparations. You're buying a new home and need some help from a lawyer — what are you going to ask?

Visiting a lawyer is often reserved for major life milestones, such as purchasing a home.

It is always best to have that contact as early as possible in the home buying process, even before you sign the agreement of purchase and sale, to benefit most from your lawyer's information, advice and insights.

"Since this is typically an infrequent event for most Canadians, it's important that you have an open and fruitful conversation with your lawyer as soon as possible," says Ray Leclair, vice president of public affairs at LAWPRO. "Make sure that you provide your real estate lawyer with all the facts, including your plans and reasons for selecting the property you would like to buy. This will ensure that all potential issues are addressed."

Be ready to ask questions, such as:

- Have all building permits and final inspections been obtained for the home?
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- Which due diligence searches will be undertaken and which will not? Why?
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- Is anything preventing you from renting out a part of your home or running a business from your home?
- What is power of attorney, and should you have one?
- Should you have a will prepared, now that you will own a major asset?

With this first conversation under your belt, it is important to develop a good relationship and regular contact with your lawyer. They can provide valuable insights and ensure you make educated decisions.

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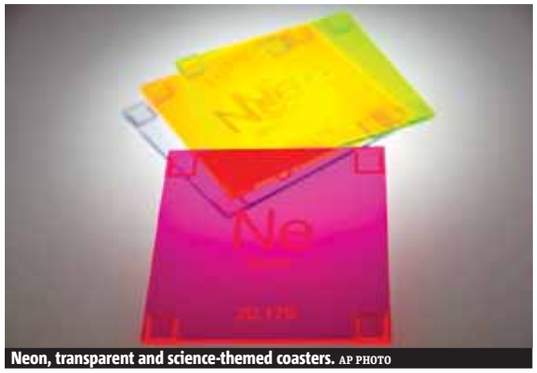
Neon, transparent and science-themed coasters. AP PHOTO

Bright signs of things to come

Neon resurgence. After a mellow trend, zingy florescent hues roar back into not only fashion, but decor too

The neon brights that peppered the 1980s are back, in fashion and decor. Highlighter hues and glow-in-the-dark tints provide a shot of adrenaline after a few seasons of mellow, mushroomy colour palettes.

Of course, these colours aren't for everyone. But if you're ready to play, here are some fun options and expert advice on how to go sassy but stylish. Tanika Nayak, an interior designer and shelter-show host on HGTV and the Food Network, loves bright hues. She says the key is to make them look up-to-the-minute and not circa 1983.

Less is more

"Use neon in small doses. You don't want to blind anybody."

Tanika Nayak, HGTV interior design host
On how to use florescent hues

"Use neon in small doses," she advises. "You don't want to blind anyone. My favourite use of neon is against a crisp white backdrop. In a dining room, start with a glass table, white walls and pop it with bold colourful neon dinnerware, placemats, and vases. If you dare to go even bolder, use neon print accent chairs." Nayak says balance is everything when working with these powerhouse hues.

"If you have a big, colourful personality and really want that bedroom or bathroom to glow, then go ahead and paint the entire room with your bold colour. But balance it with white, black, grey or even a pastel. For example, a bedroom painted in bold green neon can work if the bedding, rug and window treatments offset it with a calming white and/or a pale soft blue," she suggests.

Take the same tack with a bathroom; add light-coloured towels and mat to cool things down. HomeGoods (homegoods.com) has some well-priced accessories, like bright orange and green ottomans, a ceramic lamp in citrus, a large selection of colourful kitchen tools and mirrored decorative boxes.

Meanwhile, Brooke Jones offers an array of tangerine-hued home accessories at her online shop (etsy.com/shop/juxtapositionsc). A little elephant and a set of dinosaur-topped jars are part of the collection. Jones says, "I want to make colour accessible to everyone. Painting a wall a bright colour might not be realistic, but people can still bring in that fun, bright pop of the unexpected through home accessories. I hope my work inspires people to take chances and not take decorating too seriously."

Bright candle holders. AP/Z GALLERIE

Los Angeles-based designer Byron Samayoa's laser-cut coasters embossed with elemental information were not initially intended to be neon acrylic. "My original idea was to start with a wood set and a clear acrylic set, but every time I went back to my samples, the neon ones always stood out from the rest." (shop.bplusshop.com)

Canadian textile artist Christine Skaley Reid works out of her studio in Mission, B.C., creating eclectic throw pillows in colour-banded and right-on-trend '70s-style floral prints. Fuchsia and pink set the trendy tone. (etsy.com/shop/pillowthrowdecor)

At Z Gallerie, find several great pieces in a zingy chrome yellow, including Mariposa candle holders and Pasadena picture frames, (zgallerie.com). And if you're up for outfitting your home office in some pumped-up hues, consider CB2's Go-cart furniture series, which includes a rolling cart, bookcase, task lamp and desk in vibrant yellow or orange powder-coated steel (cb2.com). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bold multi-coloured picture frames. AP PHOTO/Z GALLERIE

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Art house ... in the middle of our street

Gutsy move. Turning your home into an artwork is risky but if done properly it could become a beloved local landmark

It's hard to miss the enormous 20-foot-wide American flag on the side of Richard Ormbrek's home. Comprised of around 180 tiles painted with scenes of Americana against a background of red and white stripes, the flag pops from the orange cedar shingles with traffic-stopping audacity.

This is actually the second major art project that Ormbrek has put on the house he shares with brother-in-law Bruce Edenso. The first — a traditional Haida Indian totem house design that covered the entire side of the home — was painted in 1975 and made the house something of a local landmark.

Many people know of one: that neighbourhood house that's quirky or dramatic or a bona fide art project.

But few have the inclination — or the guts — to turn their own home into "that house," to view their property as a giant canvas waiting to be explored.

"We needed to paint our house anyway," says Ormbrek. "And while we were mulling over the colour, we decided to make our home look like a longhouse."

Ormbrek's late wife Judy, a Tlingit-Haida, picked the totem design, which the Ormbreks projected from atop a car across the street while their friend Steve Priestly painted in the lines.

Neighbours gaped as the house was transformed, but only one seemed to mind, fearing it would bring down property values. So far, it seems, the Totem House has neither driven down property values in one of Seattle's hottest neighbourhoods, nor affected the resale value of the home itself.

"I get offers every week to buy my home," says Ormbrek. "Of course I'm not planning on selling the house — it's a very special place."

Jay Pennington of New Orleans put a twist on this suggestion when he offered his yard to host a year-long musical art installation. The double lot he purchased in 2007 came with a dilapidated, roughly 250-year-old Creole cottage on the property, which Pennington wanted to use in a creative way befitting the spirit of New Orleans.

A DJ, performer and artist manager who also goes by the name Rusty Lazer, Pennington is steeped in the art world through his work as co-director of New Orleans Airlift, a not-for-profit organization that provides opportunities for artists. Pennington, along with friends, came up with the idea of a musical village made from the salvaged remains of the cottage.

After obtaining city permits, New Orleans Airlift co-director Delaney Martin and artist Taylor Lee Shepherd paired artists with builders to create a lot-size shantytown with nine shacks that wheezed, thrummed and plinked as fully functioning instruments.

In demand

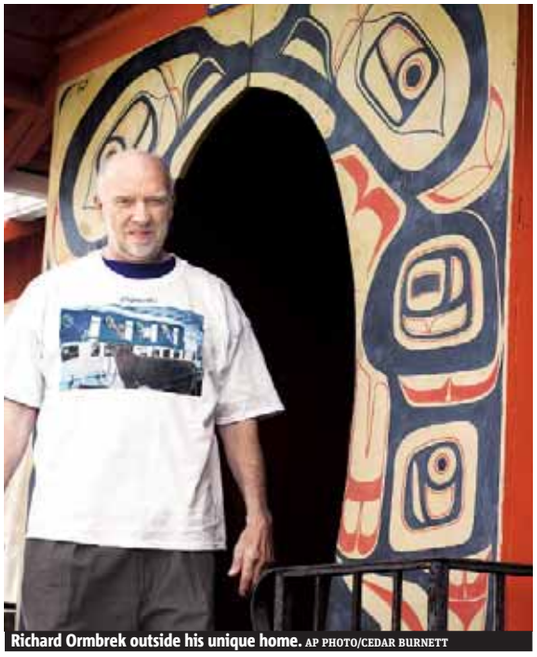
"I get offers every week to buy my home."
Richard Ormbrek, home owner

The neighbours were almost universally supportive and took part in the project — from helping to dismantle the cottage to defending Pennington from the one neighbour who viewed the project as "trashy" and tried to shut it down. "It's New Orleans — people love music here," says Pennington. He said neighbours appreciated that the cottage wasn't torn down and replaced with a new, out-of-character home.

He did draw the line at friends camping in his yard for Mardi Gras, insisting that they build a privacy fence to show respect for the neighbours. The fence was built and now a piece of it is part of the archival collection at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Performances of The Music Box, as the project was called, drew 15,000 visitors and a host of performers who played the instrumental buildings. It ended in May 2011 after four months of staggered performances.

Pennington still shares his property with the project's art director, Eliza Zeitlin, who lives in the permanent structure she built for the project — along with her menagerie of 30 animals. "My house will never be just my house again," says Pennington. "But I love that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Richard Ormbrek outside his unique home. AP PHOTO/CEDAR BURNETT

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Why size really doesn't matter — at least in the backyard

Summer style. With a few strategic choices, your small yard can still have a large design

Drapery panels are added to this small outdoor porch to emphasize the house's tall ceiling, minimize its narrow dimensions and give the space privacy from neighbours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HAYNEEDLE.COM

Design magazines and home decorating catalogues tend to feature sprawling backyards with big wooden decks and room for everything from decorative fountains to artificial ponds.

But few of us have that much outdoor space. You can create something truly special out of even the smallest yard or porch, says Los Angeles-based designer Brian Patrick Flynn.

Here, he and two other design experts — small-space specialist Kyle Schuneman and landscape designer Chris Lambton — offer advice on the best furnishings, plants and decorating strategies for making the most of a small yard, modest deck or petite patio.

Go flexible and mobile

"With a small outdoor space, I really like to think double duty," says Schuneman, author of "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces" (Potter Style, 2012). Look for seating that has hidden storage space inside and tall planters that add privacy.

And choose items that can easily be moved, such as lightweight flowerpots or planters on wheels, says Lambton, host of the gardening design series Going Yard on HGTV. "It's an easy DIY thing," he says, to buy an assortment of inexpensive plastic pots and paint them to match your outdoor decor.

If planters are lightweight or on wheels, you can move them to get proper sunlight at different times of day, and rearrange them if you're entertaining guests and need more space.

Choose the right furniture

"The easiest way to make small outdoor spaces appear smaller is to fill them with lots of pieces," says Flynn, founder of the design website decordemon.com.

"Instead, go big with sectionals, or flank perfectly square or rectangular areas with identical love seats or sofas. This not only maximizes the seating potential, but it also keeps the space from becoming too busy or even chopped up. In my outdoor living room, I used a U-shaped outdoor sectional, which seats up to seven comfortably."

When arranging furniture, consider the view: If the home's exterior is more attractive than the outdoor view, Flynn says, consider positioning seats so that you'll face your home rather than looking away from it.

Plant wisely

All three designers say your choice of plants is especially important when space is limited.

Choose plants with a purpose: "Lavender's great," Lambton says, because it's attractive, easy to grow and deters bugs. Marigolds will also help keep insects away.

Lambton also suggests putting up a trellis as a privacy wall, and planting it with colourful wisteria or climbing hydrangea. Or choose a tall holly or cypress plant in a large planter.

"Holly will be green all year round," he says, and can help transform an unappealing view.

None of these plants are hard to take care of, Lambton says. "If you're having coffee in the morning, just go out and dump a little bit of water in."

Think vertically

If you love plants but have minimal space, add a wall-mounted garden filled with succulent plants to one wall, says Schuneman: "It's a great way to add life and texture without actually taking any real estate up on your small balcony or patio."

He also suggests using narrow planters to create "long, narrow, raised flower beds that go the length of the space." They provide room for plants to grow, while also creating a ledge that's "great for coffee cups or a casual lunch," he says.

Flynn suggests playing up the height of your space by adding long outdoor curtains or hanging pendant lights.

Drench with colour

"I usually paint concrete slabs (on the floor) a bold colour or an accent colour carried out from an adjacent room," Flynn says. "This helps the patio feel like an extension when you look out to it through a door. On the flip side, when seated out in the patio looking inward, the consistent use of colour flowing inside and out-

A narrow 14-foot by nine-foot outdoor space was turned into a full-fledged living room by designer Brian Patrick Flynn in his own home, by adding a pergola for shade and suspending outdoor pendant lights, separating the area from neighbours with a planter wall and using a U-shaped sectional for seating up to seven. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HAYNEEDLE.COM

Designer advice

"The easiest way to make small outdoor spaces appear smaller is to fill them with lots of pieces."

Los Angeles-based designer Brian Patrick Flynn

side makes the patio itself feel much more open."

Flynn also suggests using outdoor curtains for a burst of colour, and to block an unattractive view or hide items like electrical boxes and storage bins. "Outdoor draperies are, hands-down, the easiest way to soften an otherwise all-concrete and stucco space, while also being able to control how much or how little neighbours can see."

Or, he says, order a basic trellis from an online retailer like hayneedle.com, then "paint it a bold colour and use it to instantly make an outdoor space feel more room-like."

Create your own art

"Most people don't think of using art outside, but it can be done, especially in a DIY manner," Flynn says. "My favourite trick is to use tent canvas and stretch it across a DIY frame made from pressure-treated lumber, and add some gesso to the surface for texture."

Once you've created your canvas, he says, "pick up some exterior latex paint, then get as abstract, as you want to play with colour, shape and texture. Once the art is dry, add a sealer to protect it from moisture, then hang it up to create a focal point, and/or add another layer of privacy."

You can make any outdoor space more beautiful, Lambton says, with just a few hours of effort and a small investment.

"If you get two or three pots and a couple of bags of planting mix," he says, "it's easy to do for a couple hours on a Saturday. ... Just a little bit of colour and life will really dress up your outdoor space."

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Here's a different perspective

The two glass towers of phase II of the development will contain a total of 290 suites. SUBMITTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** Perspective Condos
- **Builder.** Pianosi Development Corporation
- **Location.** Scarlett Road and Eglinton Avenue West
- **Website.** perspectivecondos.ca
- **Pricing.** From $279,900 to $607,900

The project overview

Built in the heart of Etobicoke, Pianosi is now launching phase II of their successful Perspective development with occupancy slated for late 2014. Designed by Turner Fleischer Architects Inc., the two glass towers will contain 290 suites in total.

Location and transit

Perspective is conveniently located near the Weston GO rail station and it's just a short jaunt to Highway 401 or south to the Gardiner Expressway. Close to the airport. Commuters can be in the downtown core within 30 minutes.

In the neighbourhood

Situated at the corner of Eglinton Avenue West and Scarlett Road, the development is surrounded by parks and green space along the banks of the nearby Humber River. Cyclists can explore the Humber River Trail.

Building amenities

There's an outdoor terrace with barbecue area, cabanas and seating areas, as well as a waterfall and fireplace lounge. It also includes a recreation centre with indoor swimming pool, golf simulator, theatre room, billiards room, media room, lounge, guest suite and 24-hour concierge service.

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If you want to shorten your search and get the most for your money, there really is only one answer right now in the marketplace. Dream Tower. Directly across from Fairview Mall sits an entire planned community called Emerald City. You couldn't pick a better location. Dream Tower at EmeraldCity is the third tower under development.

Let's start with the suites themselves. Everywhere you look, living at DreamTower feels luxurious, spacious and elegant. The designs are bright and airy with incredible views from large balconies or terraces. There are soaring 9' and 10' ceiling heights.

A little further out, you discover all that the Emerald City community has to offer. The residents of the Emerald City community enjoy a full roster of family-friendly amenities such as a swimming pool, party room, landscaped terrace, a gym and exercise facility and a yoga studio. The outdoor park and children's playground provides a great social space for the building's residents to meet, mingle and make friends.

Transit options at Dream Tower rise above all the rest. This prime North York neighbourhood, with easy underground access to the Don Mills subway, right across from Fairview Mall, and with two major highways, both the 401 and 404/DVP combination offering quick connections wherever and however you need to go.

With so much to offer the condo buyer in one location, Dream Tower is the answer.

Emerald City and Dream Tower has a Facebook page with up to the minute information about what's going on at facebook.com/emeraldcitylife.

The Dream Tower fully furnished, 2 bedroom model suite is open for viewing. Come to the sales centre on the South/East corner of Sheppard Avenue and Don Mills Road between 11am to 6pm Monday to Thursday and from noon to 5pm on weekends. You can also book an appointment right now at dreamtower.ca or by calling 416-492-0001.

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The benefits of change

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

Earlier this week I had the pleasure of representing home builders and buyers as I joined forces with industry leaders and government officials in advocating for safe, affordable homes throughout the GTA.

Together, we collectively asked the provincial government to amend the Ontario Building Code and increase the allowed height of wood frame constructed buildings to six storeys.

Under the current rules, wood frame construction is limited to buildings of no more than four storeys, forcing our members to use expensive materials like concrete and steel when bringing a new mid-rise development into the market.

As my colleague, Ontario Home Builders' Association President Leith Moore put it, allowing six-storey wood frame construction would bring costs down while increasing options for new home buyers.

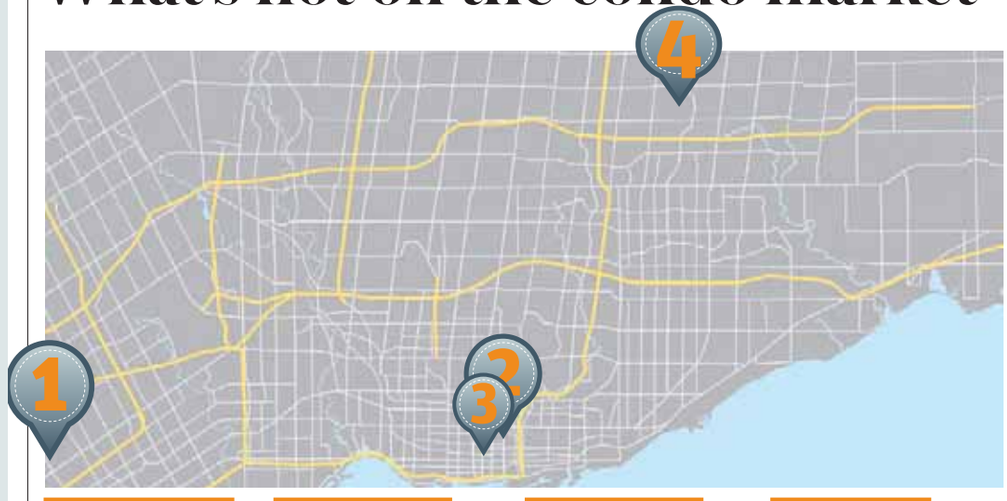
City of Toronto's Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat was on site as well, and took to the podium to show her support, going so far as calling the idea an "essential initiative for our city."

To help support our cause, BILD released a report by Paul Bedford, former chief planner for the City of Toronto, whose research found that there are strong planning and economic rationales for implementing the necessary changes.

It would aid in our members' efforts to build complete communities and revitalize existing neighbourhoods for the 100,000 people and 50,000 jobs that come to the GTA every year. It will also help create as many as 202,000 new jobs in our region, to use last year as an example. The wages paid by these jobs will later show up as purchases across the entire GTA, adding billions of dollars to the local economy.

The changes we need here in Ontario could be similar to those made in British Columbia in 2009. We are asking the provincial government to consult with stakeholders to find a "made in Ontario" solution that will result in job creation, increased tax revenue from the addition of new residences and more affordable options for new home buyers.

What's hot on the condo market



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3. Downtown

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SAVVY INVESTOR THINKS KING BLUE WILL BE BEST BUY YET

Pat Zangari knows a thing or two about choosing a condominium. A keen investor, he owns a number of them, with some right in King Blue's Entertainment District neighbourhood. He knows about location, finishes, and amenities. He knows what makes value climb — and he knew as soon as he looked at King Blue that he had found his next purchase.

"I think this one will be the best one yet," he says. "Just the pool and the rooftop alone make it unique. This is clearly a superior property."

Mr. Zangari says it started with the neighbourhood, which he already knew was "amazing."

"It has everything," he says, including the annual Toronto International Film Festival, which he makes a point to attend. "Tons of fine dining, great coffee shops, theatre, shopping. It's a quick walk to the train, to the movies — Toronto has nothing to offer that isn't right here."

The suite itself, a one-bedroom unit, appealed in part because of its 39th-floor, south-facing location. "Imagine the lake view," he says. "It's going to be unbeatable." He was also taken with the layout which includes a functional foyer.

Then there were the finishes. From the hardwood floors and wide, solid-wood baseboards, to the integrated appliances and glass cabinetry, to the honed marble floors in the ensuite, he says it was clear immediately that everything that went into King Blue would be a cut above. "This is a high-end building," he says. "The appliances, the floors, the tile — everything was not just beautiful, but made to exacting standards, and perfectly packaged."

He says the final decision-maker was his first-hand knowledge of the developer, Easton's Group, and president Steve Gupta. "I've stayed at the Marriott a lot. I knew their work, and I knew they would do this properly," he says.

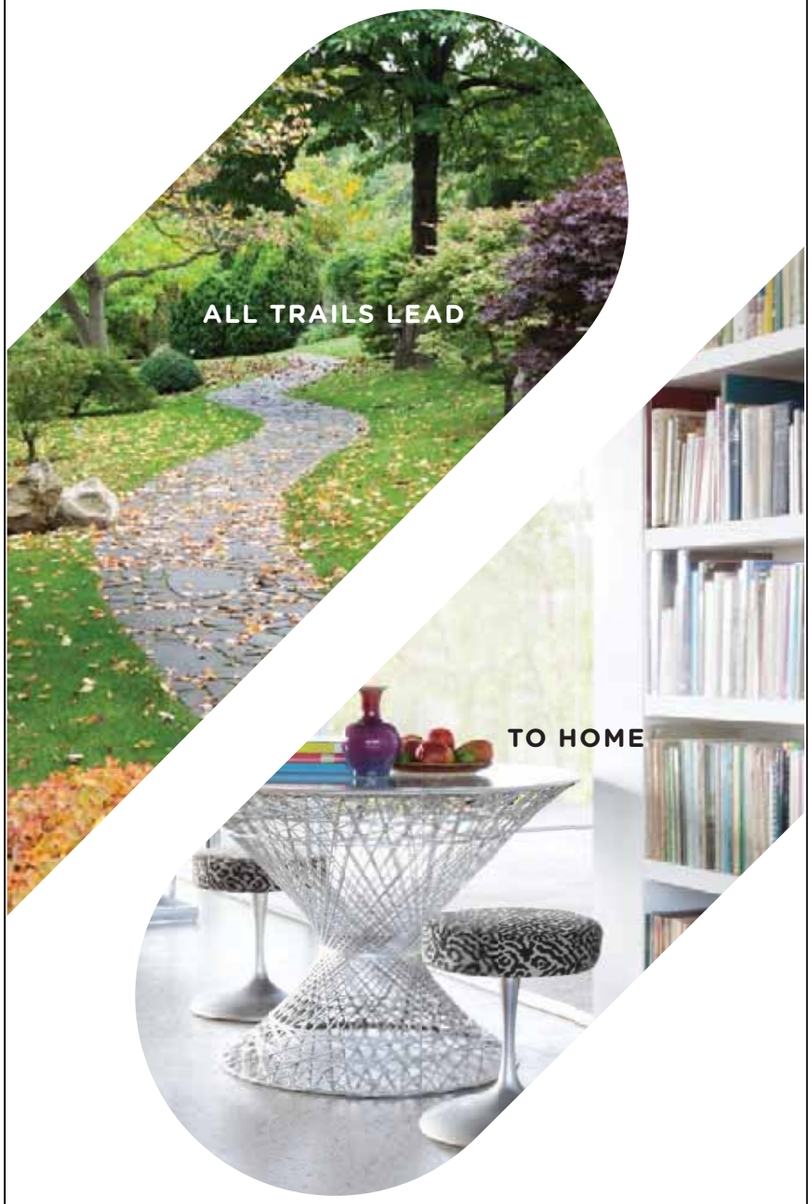
Once his research was done, it was clear that the location, suite layout, finishes, amenities, and experienced developer had come together to provide an irresistible opportunity for his next investment. He's so convinced, he has already recommended King Blue to a friend, who recently bought a suite of his own.

Pat Zangari with Toronto Maple Leafs Legend, Wendel Clark, at the recent King Blue Condos Grand Opening.

The opportunity to buy at King Blue is even more irresistible right now, with a selection of valuable incentives available for a limited time. Purchasers of studio suites will receive $5,000 cash back; $7,500 for one-bedrooms (including + den), and $12,000 for two-bedroom (+ den) suites. With prices starting in the mid-$200s, and a Centre Ice location at King Street West and Blue Jays Way, King Blue offers superior value, and that adds up to long-term success.

"There's no question that this was the right buy at the right time," Mr. Zangari says. "Everything about King Blue tells me this was a very smart buy."

Visit the King Blue Presentation Centre at 355 King St. W., Monday to Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Be first to find out what's going on at King Blue by registering at kingbluecondos.com.



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Preserving heritage while looking to the future

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It was a busy week for architectures as the Ontario Association of Architects held its annual conference and gala awards ceremony in Toronto earlier this month.

A week-long series of educational seminars included a lecture by heritage architect Carlos Ventin about heritage preservation and Toronto's acclaimed architecture critic, Christopher Hume, was on hand to help with the presentation.

"(Ventin) was talking about the need to bring a new sense of urgency to heritage preservation and also about why it's a good thing not just from an environmental and economic point of view but from a cultural point of view," says Hume.

As Toronto's condominium conversions go, Hume says there's both good and bad.

"I think generally speaking, the church conversions that I've seen are not very convincing, whereas some of the warehouses, the factories, can be very nicely converted either for condos or commercial because a lot of those old buildings have the great virtue of flexibility."

Hume says these clean, wide-open spaces can be used in any number of ways, morphing from one generation of industrial use to the next generation of today's knowledge-based industries.

One example of Toronto heritage restoration of note is the recently completed Police Services Division 11 building, designed by Stantec Architecture, that reclaims the century-old Carleton Village School, west of Toronto's downtown core.

The community expressed a vital interest in preserving the school's iconic presence — a community landmark in the Junction neighbourhood — and was involved in the design process from early on.

In an interesting mixture of ancient and modern, the original 1913 three-story brick and stone structure has been retained, satisfying the wishes of the community.

Built behind it is a two-storey contemporary structure accommodating the offices and secure requirements of the police service. The lobby is open and inviting to the community, serving as an exhibit space displaying historical images of the Carleton Village School and the Toronto Police Service in the community.

This year's architectural awards were presented at the OAA Celebration of Excellence Awards and dinner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on May 10. The gala was a veritable who's who of the province's top architects, building industry magnates, and those with a passion for architecture. ETalk's Ben Mulroney was the MC for the evening, hosted by OAA president Bill Birdsell.

"Opening the awards to national and international projects reflects the global impact Ontario architects are making. The 2013 award winners exemplify architecture that goes beyond the expected in both design and function," says Birdsell.

The facade remains from the century-old Carleton Village School at the recently completed Police Services Division 11 building in the Junction neighbourhood. RICHARD JOHNSON

The community wanted to preserve the school's iconic presence in the neighbourhood. RICHARD JOHNSON

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LEGAL MATTERS
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I purchased a pre-build condo a few years ago and it is finally ready for occupancy. I had thought I might keep the condo and rent it out but now I have discovered that there are rules with respect to doing so. I might sell it because I am not in a position to carry the cost of the condo for what appears to be several months of 'interim occupancy'. What is your advice on this problem?

You have hit on a couple of very common misunderstandings about new condos.

1. The future owners think that they can rent it out once they are on the hook for the carrying costs, and 2. They think that if they can't rent it, they can sell it to a willing buyer.

The reality is that after several years, you have realized a profit on the deposit monies you have left with the builders' lawyers.

However, there are built-in provisions in the agreement of purchase and sale that restrict you from listing the condo for rent or for sale.

You will generally need the written consent of the builder: which they can withhold or even worse, charge you a large fee for assigning the agreement to another willing buyer.

Any purchaser of a new condo should be aware that there are a host of contractual restrictions with respect to what they can do with their "soon to be property" in the interim occupancy phase.

Please contact your lawyer in this regard.

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Designing Toronto's smallest urban space: the condo balcony

Get outside.
Make the most of your balcony with tips from expert landscape architects

For many condo owners their balconies are personal escapes from the hustle and bustle of city life. These compact outdoor spaces, however, are often overlooked and underused.

To help condo owners make the most of their private outdoor spaces, Toronto developer Reserve Properties enlisted the expertise of two of the city's most prominent landscape architects.

Scott Torrance, designer of the West Toronto Railpath, and David Leinster of The Planning Partnership, who worked on the award-winning Sugar Beach, came up with ways to transform urban balconies.

Taking inspiration from their urban design and green roof projects in Toronto, they developed two unique balcony concepts for 109OZ, a mid-rise condo project on Toronto's Ossington Avenue.

From a sleek outdoor kitchen garden to a relaxing Muskoka cottage escape, both balcony designs offer furniture selection that allows for diverse configurations and terrace layouts to accommodate a range of balcony sizes.

Scott Torrance's al fresco Kitchen Garden

Rethinking the idea of a garden from an urban perspective, Torrance's kitchen garden design offers the condominium dweller a chance to grow, prepare and eat their meals in a lush outdoor garden.

"I wanted to turn people on to the idea of urban gardening by making it simple and accessible," says Torrance.

In his design, condo owners can conveniently grow herbs, vegetables or ornamental plants in self-contained multi-function cedar and steel planters. One of the planters also doubles as a functional tabletop for food prep and serving. To help maximize garden views Torrance suggests planting wild grasses that are easy to maintain and keep well during winter.

To complete the outdoor kitchen, Torrance's design is outfitted with a lightweight boulevard table and bistro-style café chairs. A chic Chilewich floor runner and quick-dry lounge chair create an inviting lounge space.

For added privacy, a stainless steel trellis can be used to support multiple configurations of hanging pots along with climbing flowering plants and ivy from spring to fall.

Using the same modern esthetic he helped bring to Toronto's Sugar Beach, David Leinster 109OZ. RESERVE PROPERTIES

David Leinster brings the cottage to the city

Influenced by the idea of escaping to the cottage for the weekend, Leinster created a Muskoka-themed balcony design for 109OZ.

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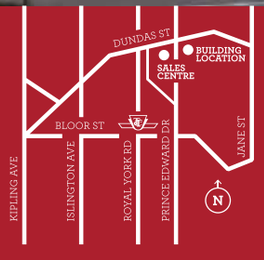

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created a playful Muskoka-themed balcony design for

Scott Torrance's kitchen garden concept was designed to offer 109OZ purchasers garden views not typically found in an urban condo setting.
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From the designers:

"The eclectic blend of finishes and furnishings is what makes cottage life so welcoming."

David Leinster, of The Planning Partnership

"I wanted to turn people on to the idea of urban gardening by making it simple and accessible."

Scott Torrance, designer of the West Toronto Railpath

with pillows.

The dining area features a crisp, white, thin-slat tabletop and casual dining chairs. Teak cubes double as a coffee table or impromptu seating for visiting friends.

"The eclectic blend of finishes and furnishings is what makes cottage life so welcoming," says Leinster who suggests accessorizing with things you have around the house, like mason jars, to complete the look.

Leinster uses planters with a northern granite finish, reminiscent of the Canadian Shield, for hardy grasses and seasonal plantings. Northern Ontario herbs hanging in terra-cotta pots on a custom designed trellis, and a compact element grill create a rustic cooking space.

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BE PROACTIVE, CONSCIOUS OF YOUR FERTILITY AT AN EARLY AGE

The face of infertility often looks like this — young, attractive, employed, fit and inexplicably unable to conceive. Much like that of Danielle Xavier, 30, of Toronto.

Xavier started planning for her future family in her 20s. Xavier says she started thinking about her fertility early for a couple of reasons. Ten years ago, during a regular checkup, she had some abnormal cells come back positive for cervical cancer. The cells were promptly removed, but she always had pain during ovulation that was never fully explained. Her doctor was proactively monitoring Xavier when she began dating her future husband, Sean.

At 25, the Xaviers began trying to start a family, but nothing was happening so Danielle was concerned. Her doctor immediately took action. She started fertility treatments right away.

"In the pit of our stomachs, we knew that if we did not start early enough we may risk waiting too long and miss an opportunity. I was 25 years old and going through infertility treatments."

Xavier says people often said that she was too young to worry about infertility. They made comments such as, "Oh, you have lots of time."

Xavier is now 30, works at a successful logistics company, and still has unexplained infertility. Together, she and her husband have exhausted a lot of the treatments and financial resources, too.

"Now, nobody makes those comments any more. As a matter of fact, if I had not taken it so seriously and not done everything we have done so far, then who knows where we would be? It was only because my doctor, my spouse and I were proactive that we even have a chance to save up for IVF before it's too late."

The Xaviers are still working their way through the emotional journey of infertility, but both feel their options would have been severely limited if they had waited until their 30s to start inquiring about fertility.

"Being proactive and conscious of your fertility from an early age is one way to alleviate some of the pain of this experience."

SURVEY REVEALS GAPS IN FERTILITY KNOWLEDGE

So you know all about the birds and the bees and the basics of biology, but what about your own fertility?

According to a new survey, many women are missing important information that can help them take a more proactive role in family planning.

A recent survey of female members of the Metro Panel, a reader advisory board of Metro News Group, sponsored by EMD Inc., Canada revealed that only 39 per cent of respondents are confident they know enough about their fertility in order to successfully plan for a family.

"The results of this survey confirm that there are still major knowledge gaps that exist that impair a woman's ability to take charge of her fertility," says Gloria Poirier, acting executive director for the Infertility Awareness Association of Canada (IAAC).

One major area of misconception is the age at which a woman's fertility begins to decline. Of the group surveyed, 27 per cent mistakenly believed that fertility drops after the age of 40. As many as eight per cent of those surveyed thought fertility does not decline until after age 50, or even at menopause. In fact, a woman's fertility declines much earlier in life, at around age 28.

"A woman is born with all the eggs she will produce and fertility begins to decline much earlier than people think," says Dr. Arthur Leader, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Ottawa and founding partner of the Ottawa Fertility Centre.

There were some positives in the survey results. A majority (56 per cent) agree that infertility is a medical condition and an overwhelming number of people (73 per cent) said they would consult their GP if they had questions about fertility. Yet, less than 10 per cent of respondents have had their fertility tested.

When it came to questions about in vitro fertilization, which is often the most effective treatment and sometimes the only way infertile couples can conceive, the answers were highly inaccurate. Only 25 per cent of respondents guessed the price tag of IVF at $5,000 to $10,000. And more than half (55 per cent) said if they needed treatment they would have no idea how to pay for it.

Leader notes a few things women can do to preserve fertility. Diet and exercise contribute to overall health.

"Exercising won't make you more fertile, but lifestyle choices like not smoking, drinking less than two alcoholic drinks per week, protecting against sexually transmitted diseases and maintaining a good body weight are key to protecting a woman's fertility."

Leader encourages a woman to see her doctor right away if she has concerns.

Your doctor can order tests, funded by OHIP, to help identify any risks in your ability to conceive.

RESOURCES

The following Ontario-based organizations offer resources for people struggling with infertility and advocate for better awareness and access to fertility treatments:

Infertility Awareness Association of Canada (IAAC) — iaac.ca/

Conceivable Dreams — conceivabledreams.org/

Canadian Infertility Awareness Week is May 19-26. Many groups and organizations are hosting a variety of events to boost awareness.

Follow the #ohip4ivf conversation on Twitter (twitter.com/iaac_acsi/ or twitter.com/ohip4ivf) and Facebook (facebook.com/conceivabledreams/ or facebook.com/pages/Infertility-Awareness-Association-of-Canada/).

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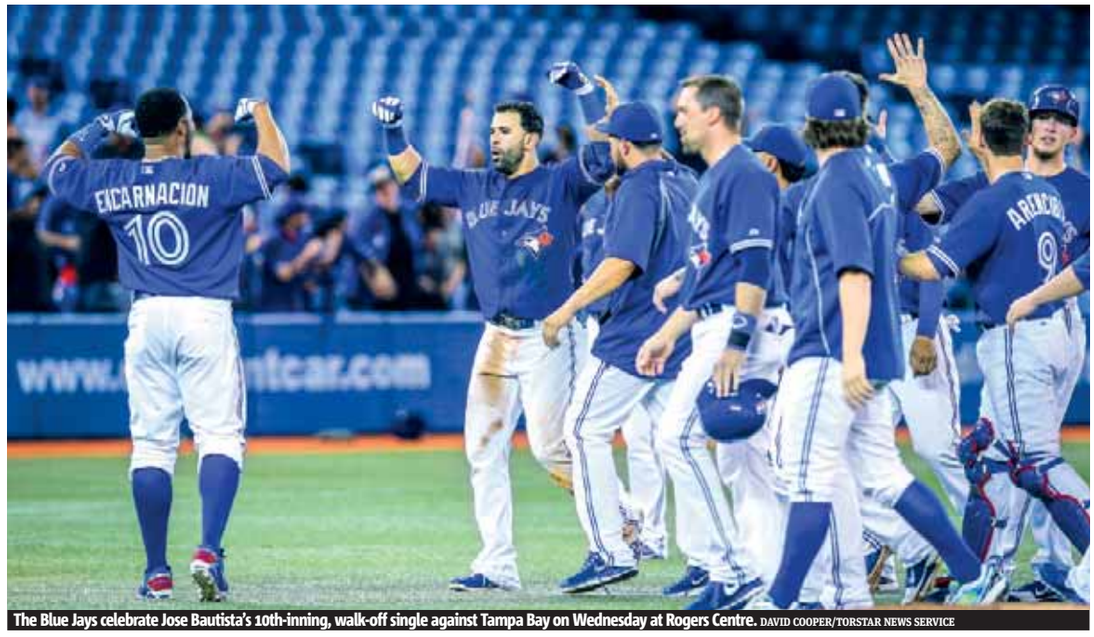

The Blue Jays celebrate Jose Bautista's 10th-inning, walk-off single against Tampa Bay on Wednesday at Rogers Centre. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mark Buehrle provided the quality start and slugger Jose Bautista came through with the dramatics in Toronto's first walk-off victory of the season Wednesday at Rogers Centre.

Bautista tied it in the ninth inning with his second homer of the game and drove in the winning run in the 10th to give the Blue Jays a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. Bautista lashed an 0-2 pitch from Kyle Farnsworth to right field that brought Colby Rasmus home from third base for the victory.

Bautista, who had four hits and drove in all four Toronto runs, was mobbed by his teammates on the field as the crowd of 18,771 roared its approval.

"He's not just a slugger, he's a complete hitter," said Jays manager John Gibbons. "He can do a lot of things with that bat as you guys well know. That was clutch. He fell down in the count and he shortened it up and just — boom. A simple base hit the other way for the game winner."

Buehrle, meanwhile, allowed a season-low four hits over seven solid innings to help Toronto (19-27) take the rubber game of the three-game series. Aaron Loup (2-3) worked one inning of relief for the win.

It was another missed opportunity for the Rays, who have had trouble closing out games this season. Tampa Bay (24-22) has blown leads on nine occasions in the seventh inning or later.

"It's been kind of difficult," said Rays manager Joe Maddon. "That was another one that got away. Everybody is doing their best, they're trying. It's just not working out."

Tampa Bay had taken a 3-2 lead in the top of the ninth. Evan Longoria hit a one-out double off Toronto closer Casey Janssen and scored on James Loney's single up the middle.

Bautista answered in the bottom half with a rainbow shot to left field off Rays closer Fernando Rodney. The Toronto right-fielder now has 11 home runs on the season.

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Vigneault fired

Canucks to bring new voice behind their bench

Vancouver Canucks coach Alain Vigneault has paid the price for his team's early exit from the playoffs.

The club fired Vigneault and assistants Rick Bowness and Newell Browne on Wednesday, as the expected fallout from the Canucks' first-round sweep at the hands of the San Jose Sharks finally came to pass.

The Canucks' all-time leader in coaching wins, Vigneault led the club to six Northwest Division titles, two Presidents' Trophy titles and an appearance in the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

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NFL

Offences need fear Urlacher no longer

Star linebacker Brian Urlacher is calling it a career after 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears.

The eight-time Pro Bowl player announced his retirement on Twitter Wednesday.

"Although I could continue playing, I'm not sure I would bring a level of performance or passion that's up to my standards," he said.

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Pens run roughshod over Sens, go up 3-1

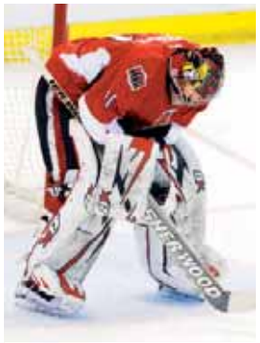
NHL playoffs. Pittsburgh opens floodgates as Neal and Iginla each score twice

James Neal and Jarome Iginla each scored two goals to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 7-3 romp over the Ottawa Senators in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series Wednesday — and just one win away from advancing to the next round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Penguins now hold a 3-1 series lead heading into a pivotal Game 5 on Friday in Pittsburgh.

Chris Kunitz, Pascal Dupuis and Sidney Crosby each added a goal for the Penguins, while Milan Michalek, Kyle Turris and Daniel Alfredsson scored for the Senators.

The Senators got on the scoreboard early in the first period — and just like Sunday's double-overtime marathon win in Game 3, they did it the hard way.



Craig Anderson regroups after allowing a goal on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With defenceman Sergei Gonchar in the penalty box, Alfredsson fed the puck up the middle to a streaking Michalek, who broke through the Penguins defence and beat Tomas Vokoun low on the glove side to notch Ottawa's second short-handed goal of the series.

It was the Senators' first lead of the series. But it wouldn't last.

Ottawa lost a faceoff in its own end and Neal was there to pick up the loose puck in the slot and put it in the back of the net to tie the game at one goal apiece.

Down 2-1 early in the second, Pittsburgh tied it up when Kunitz snuck behind the Senators defence and went in alone to beat Craig Anderson. Less than a minute later, Anderson gave up a rebound on a Kris Letang shot that landed right on the tape of Iginla's stick to make it 3-2 Penguins.

The Penguins kept up the pressure, scoring another four goals to make it 7-2 before Alfredsson notched his 100th career playoff point with a power-play goal late in the third period.

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Olympics

Targeted drug testing needed to catch cheats: IOC

Olympic officials agree that more targeted, out-of-competition testing in high-profile sports is needed to catch the drug cheats who are escaping the net, IOC president Jacques Rogge said Wednesday.

Rogge told The Associated Press that sports leaders who attended a summit at IOC headquarters in Switzerland concluded that better testing — rather than more tests — is the best way forward in the anti-doping fight.

Drug-testing strategies and the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency were discussed at a meeting of Olympic leaders Tuesday in Lausanne.

While the IOC declined to release details on Tuesday, Rogge said in an interview that all sides agreed on the need for greater unannounced out-of-competition testing.

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Heading east? Komarov says KHL is an option without raise from Leafs

So how much is a pesky third- or fourth-line agitator worth to an NHL team?

In Leo Komarov's case, we'll soon find out.

He's a restricted free agent as of July 1 and he's made it known that he might just play in Russia next season if the Maple Leafs don't increase his pay.

According to recent reports, Komarov, 26, was recently in Russia to celebrate Moscow Dynamo's KHL championship and suggested he could return to the team should negotiations with the Leafs head south.

Komarov played for Dynamo for three seasons. He also played for them during the NHL lockout after starting the season in North America with the Toronto Marlies. His deal allowed him to return to Russia if the NHL didn't start on time.

In an interview with Russian news agency RIA Novosti translated by Dmitry Chesnokov of Yahoo! Sports, the Leafs' sixth-round pick from 2006 said he had already spoken to Dynamo about a possible return.

Leo Komarov led the Leafs in hits this season with 175. GETTY IMAGES

"I won't hide it — I've held negotiations with Dynamo," Komarov told RIA Novosti. "But I'm waiting for an offer from Toronto."

In 42 games with the Leafs, Komarov scored four goals and five assists, but his value to Toronto was far greater than points. He led the team with 175 hits, fifth-highest in the NHL. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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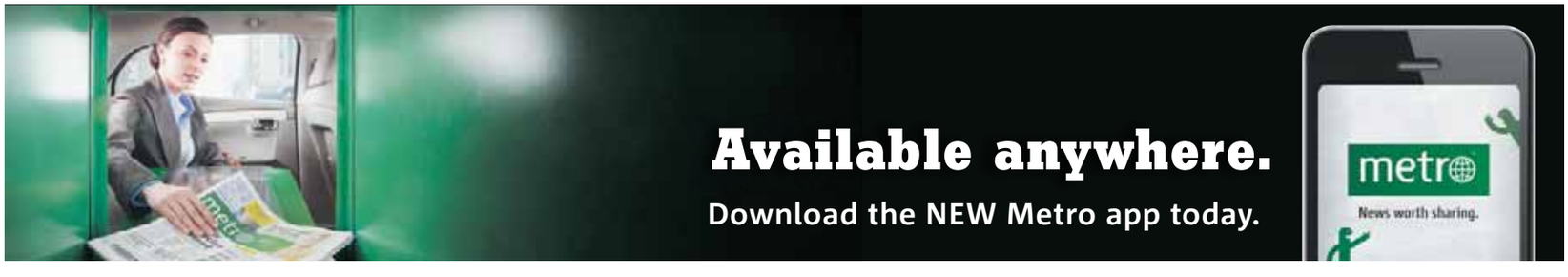

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Chances are you will waste a considerable amount of time today doing nothing. And why shouldn't you? You can't be a live wire Aries every day of the week. Goof off, but only a little.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Why are you using up so much energy trying to change things you know cannot be changed? Yes, OK, your sense of purpose is impressive but there comes a point when it just becomes stupid. Give it up.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Sometimes it's not wise to dig deeply, especially in areas where people's secrets are concerned. If nothing else, it gives people an excuse to do a little digging in your affairs too.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If your instincts tell you that something is wrong, you must not allow loved ones to persuade you otherwise. You are entitled to your point of view and you don't have to change it for anyone.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try to resist the urge to spend your hard-earned cash on things you don't really need. Yes, of course, there are more important things in life than money but that does not mean you should throw it away.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is something a partner needs to be told and you know it is you who must tell it. You also know they won't be happy to be made to face up to the truth. It's for their own benefit.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need a change of scene, so if you get the chance to go somewhere different today, even if it's just a walk round the block, take it. A new environment will give you a new perspective on your problems.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Whatever setbacks you may have experienced recently, your long-term outlook is good so stop worrying. You may find that hard to believe but the planets don't lie.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be tempted to open your heart and let everyone know how you feel but is that a bright idea? There are people out there who would happily use your honesty against you.

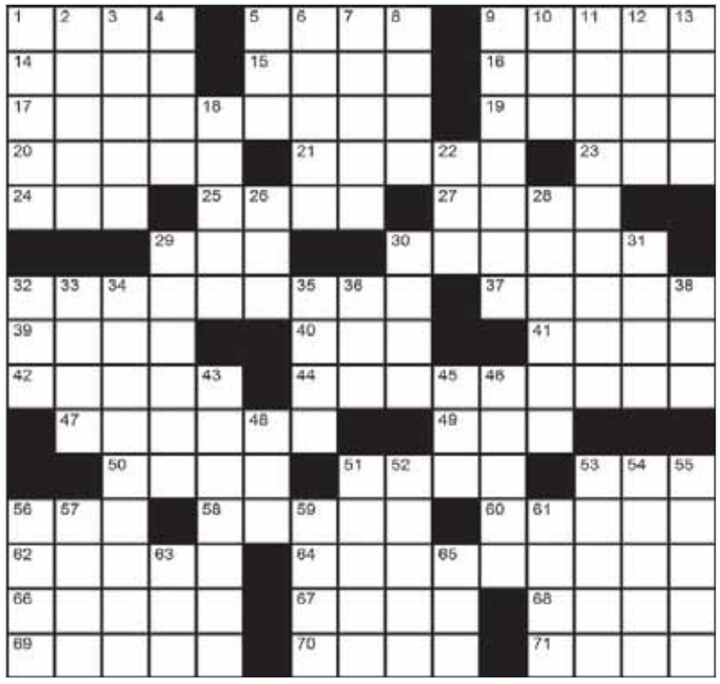
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The most important thing over the next few days is that you have faith in yourself. Talent and experience are important, of course, but self-belief trumps everything.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have to say something to a friend that sounds a bit harsh but it is for their own good. They will be stronger for it in the long-term — and they will always remember it was you who made it possible.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be careful you don't jump to conclusions today, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks more with your heart than your head. Give others a chance to explain before you pass judgement. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

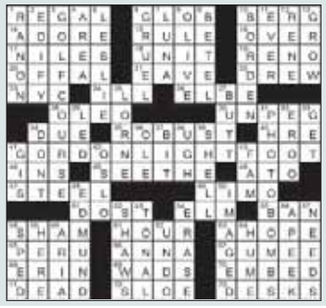
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Be unwilling/complain
5. Computer company
9. Upper Fort __ (Historical site in Manitoba)
14. Fertilizer ingredient
15. Timbuktu's locale in Africa
16. Permeate
17. Vancouver's __ Island
19. "__ Fat Greek Wedding" (2002): 2 wds.
20. Los Angeles basketballer
21. Snake's toxin
23. HS subject
24. Winding shape
25. Candid
27. Billboard
29. Note before Lah
30. Pour†out wine
32. New Brunswick city
37. Actor Chris of "American Pie"
39. Take _ ___ dancing lesson
40. Regret
41. Sgt. Snorkel's comic strip dog
42. Mow the grass shorter
44. Johnny Depp's frequent movie director: 2 wds.
47. 'Synthetica' is this Canadian band's current album
49. Sort of tribute
50. Workshop implement
51. Garbage bag brand
53. Bird that's a thief
56. Auto
58. Actor Mr. Davis
60. Ahead of time
62. Visibly stunned
64. French __, as per education
66. Nouveau __ ($$$)
67. Its capital is Muscat
68. Terrible tsar
69. Gambling card game
70. R&B singer, __-__
71. Singer Ms. Dobson

Down
1. Military instrument
2. Rich tapestry
3. Drip-drops
4. "Citizen __" (1941)
5. "Who __ _ to say?"
6. Birth a bovine
7. "Grey's Anatomy" star Ms. Pompeo
8. Zippo ...mais en francais
9. Marketing ploy, for instance
10. Canadian singer/songwriter Ms. Sky
11. 11th Prime Minister, from 1930 to 1935: _._. __
12. Destroy
13. Safecracker
18. High speedster's sound
22. Suffix with 'Lact'
26. __ Beta Kappa
28. Aplenty
29. Canadian cheese giant since 1954
30. Per __ (Daily)
31. Musician Mr. Puente
32. Impair
33. Detail
34. NASCAR venue
35. Federal org. concerning broadcasting
36. Aujourd'__ (Today, in French)
38. __-stick frying pan
43. "Raise a Little Hell" band
45. __ constrictor
46. Bovid bag
48. French pronoun
51. "That's mine!!"
52. Catriona __ __ Doan, Canadian Olympian/broadcaster
53. Ambition
54. "We need _ ___ of bread." ...said the store-stuff needer
55. Kathleen __, Premier of Ontario
56. Kind of fish
57. Currency exchange fee
59. Priory of __
61. "Like, that's ever going to happen.": 2 wds.
63. "__ Loves You" by The Beatles
65. Roxy Music's Brian

Yesterday's Crossword



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	6				2	3	8	
	5		4	3				
	8					1		
3		7				6		2
		9					5	
				5	3		4	
	2	3	8				1	
4				1				9

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	2	5	1	4	7	8	3
8	3	1	9	6	7	4	2	5
5	7	4	8	2	3	6	9	1
2	5	7	3	4	1	9	6	8
6	9	3	7	8	2	1	5	4
4	1	8	6	9	5	2	3	7
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7	2	5	1	3	9	8	4	6

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"The benefits of kids participating in sports affects their entire lives," said Johnny Misley, president, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "Jumpstart is dedicated to removing barriers so financially disadvantaged children can simply participate and, ultimately, pursue their dreams."

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Example price includes Delivery and Destination of $1,495 fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Finance Offers exclude registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. ♦Price of models shown 2013 Elantra Limited/Accent 4 Door GLS Auto/Sonata Limited/Tucson Limited AWD are $24,930/$20,230/$30,700/$34,245. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,495/$1,495/$1,565/$1,760 fees, levies, and all applicable charges (excluding HST). Finance Offers exclude registration, insurance, PPSA and license fees. ΩPrice adjustments are calculated against the vehicle's starting price. Price adjustments of up to $3,250/$4,100/$2,500/$1,000 available on in stock 2013 Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual/ Elantra L 6-Speed Manual / Sonata GLS Auto / Tucson L 5-Speed Manual for May 21-25 2013 (inclusive). Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. *Purchase, finance or lease an in-stock 2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster/Genesis Coupe/Sonata/Sonata HEV/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL/Tucson/2012 Sonata HEV during the Double Savings Event and you will receive one $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card (including applicable taxes). The $0.99 per litre Esso Price Privileges Card is issued by Esso and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Esso Price Privileges Fuel Card agreement. Customers in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island (collectively, "Atlantic Provinces") and Quebec will receive a maximum benefit of $0.55 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.54 during the card activation period. Customers in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba will receive a maximum benefit of $0.50 per litre in the event that gas prices increase above $1.49 during the card activation period. Customers in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Manitoba and Ontario will receive a minimum discount of $0.30 per litre in the event that gas prices decrease below $1.29 per litre in these provinces. All Fuel Cards expire on December 31st, 2013. Fuel cards are valid only at participating Esso retail locations (excluding the province of British Columbia) and are not redeemable for cash. Fuel Cards cannot be used in the province of British Columbia. Fuel Cards can only be used on Regular, Extra and Premium motor vehicle grade fuel purchases only. Price with Fuel Card of $0.99 per litre applies to Regular grade fuel only. Price with Fuel Card on Extra and Premium grade fuels are $1.12 and $1.18 per litre, respectively. Price Privileges Card must be used in combination with another form of payment accepted at Esso stations in Canada (excluding British Columbia) and is redeemable in-store only. Only one Price Privileges Card can be used per transaction. Based on Energuide combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Accent Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Auto (6.3L/100km)/Elantra Coupe Auto (6.6L/100km)/Elantra GT Auto (6.6L/100km)/Veloster 1.6L Auto (6.3L/100km)/Genesis Coupe 2.0L Auto (8.6L/100km)/Sonata 2.4L Auto (7.3L/100km)/Sonata HEV Auto (5.2L/100km)/Tucson 2.0L Auto (8.2L/100km)/Santa Fe Sport 2.4L FWD Auto (8.6L/100km)/2012 Sonata HEV Auto (5.3L/100km) and the combined fuel consumption rating for the 2013 Santa Fe XL 3.3L FWD (9.9L/100km) as determined by the Manufacturer as shown on www.hyundaicanada.com at 15,400km/year which is the yearly average driving distance as referenced by Transport Canada's Provincial Light Vehicle Fleet Statistics, 2011, minus one full tank of fuel provided at the time of delivery of 2013 Accent (43L), Elantra (48L), Elantra Coupe (50L), Elantra GT (50L), Veloster (50L), Genesis Coupe (65L), Sonata (70L), Sonata HEV (65L), Tucson (58L), Santa Fe Sport (66L), Santa Fe XL (71L), 2012 Sonata HEV (65L), this is equivalent to $0.99 per litre gas up to a total of 725 Litres (2013 Accent/Elantra/Elantra Coupe/Elantra GT/Veloster), 800 Litres (2013 Sonata/2013 Sonata HEV/2012 Sonata HEV) and 1,000 Litres (2013 Genesis Coupe/Tucson/Santa Fe Sport/Santa Fe XL). Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. †Ω*♦Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.